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Desperate Onslaughts Fail To Break Through

"SUSPENSION OF SERVICE" NOTICES BY COAST OFFICERS

The "China Mail" is officially informed that a final ultimatum is to be submitted to coastal steamship companies to-day.

The replies to the demands of the officers of the river steamer companies are satisfactory, and settlement is expected.

Those from the coastal companies are regarded by the China Coast Officers' Guild and Marine Engineers' Guild of China as unsatisfactory. It is possible that notices of "suspension of services" will be handed to the companies concerned to-day at 4 p.m. taking effect within 24 hours unless a more satisfactory reply is given.

NEW OFFER

It is learned that Wo Fat Sing, Peter's and Williamson's, in their reply to the latest communication from the officers, increased their offer of an additional 15 per cent. bonus to 22½ per cent., but rejected the demands for definite revision of the 1919 Scale, for leave provisions, for a provident fund or other scheme in lieu and for increased messing allowance.

Main insistence of the officers is upon revising the 1919 scale.

SEVERE LOSSES NORTH OF TAIERCHWANG

Hankow, To-day.

Failure is again the predominant note of the latest Japanese offensive in the Taierschwang zone, according to reports received by telephone this morning.

Foreign observers state that the Japanese are fighting desperately, exposing themselves to great risks and losing men heavily, with the knowledge that the whole campaign may depend upon the struggle on which they have now entered.

Heaviest fighting took place last night and early this morning in the sector about ten miles to the north-east of Taierschwang, but the Japanese attacks were repulsed after hours of critical fighting, in which casualties on both sides were shockingly heavy.

It is believed that the Japanese themselves lost more than 3,000 men in a 10-hour battle into which they were launched in a desperate endeavour to smash the Chinese defences at this vital point.

LULL AGAIN DESCENDS

The Chinese command, however, threw in reserves rushed up from Taierschwang and this morning, when the battlefront quietened down, all the Japanese hardwon gains had been wiped out.

Foreign military observers point to the gravity of the Japanese positions should the present operations develop into a collapse of the offensive, for losses have been severe, other fronts have been drained of all available men for the Shantung battle, and an unsuccessful engagement in this region would expose all other fronts to the danger of debacle. — Our Own Correspondent.

INSURGENT OFFENSIVE DEFINITELY CHECKED

London, To-day.

The Spanish Government claims that the insurgent offensive has been "completely checked and definitely abandoned," and that the Republicans are now attacking at a number of points, according to messages from Barcelona quoting a semi-official source.

The drive towards Castellon and Valencia, it is claimed, has been stopped with serious losses for the insurgents.

The Republican lines are now declared to be solid along the natural mountain defence of the Pyrenees to the coast, and can be defended without difficulty.

Insurgent headquarters at Saragossa claims that two ships were sunk in Valencia harbour in the course of an air raid. — Reuter.

MUSSOLINI AND VISIT OF HERR HITLER

Rome, To-day.

A statement by Signor Mussolini appears in the Italian press in connection with the forthcoming visit to Rome of Herr Hitler.

Il Duce says: "The Rome-Berlin axis is far more than a diplomatic agreement of the usual sort, which depends more or less on the changing values of political opportu-

"The axis is above all the expression of a profound feeling, due to the fact that both nations realise that they passed through an identical historical development in the last century and the early post-War period, and that the two are firmly determined to defend their civilisation against the hostile attitude of the west and against any threat that may come from the east."

Similar messages are contributed by Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, and Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister. — Trans-Ocean.

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Personal Jottings Proud Of Your Hands?

Among the many local residents leaving the Colony to-day in the s.s. Empress of Canada is Mr. W. B. Finnigan of the University of Hongkong, who is proceeding Home on leave with Mrs. Finnigan.

Surgeon Captain G.D.G. Ferguson, who for the past three years has been in charge of the Royal Naval Hospital here, is leaving Hongkong next month to return to England on transfer.

Dr. Alfred Mistowski, the Trinity College of Music examiner, passed through the Colony in the s.s. Chitral on Wednesday. He is on his way to Japan, and will return to Hongkong later.

The Annual Supper Dance of the Diocesan Old Girls' Association and the Diocesan School Old Boys' Association will be held at the Peninsula Hotel to-night, commencing at 8.30 p.m.

The Police Branch of the Ministering League will hold their next

Bridge and Mahjongg Drive at the Police Recreation Club on Tuesday, May 10, at 8 p.m. Admission \$1 each.

The Little Flower Club are holding a Mahjongg Drive at their club house on Tuesday, May 3. Members and friends wishing to participate, please telephone 50841, not later than Monday.

Members of the Ladies' Section of the Y.M.C.A. are advised that Badminton in the West Lounge previously arranged for to-morrow morning, has been cancelled owing to the redecoration of the West Lounge.

A Launch Picnic has been arranged by the Y.M.C.A. for Saturday, May 7, while on the following Saturday, May 14, it is proposed to hold a moonlight picnic.

The marriage took place yesterday at the Registry, Supreme Court, between Zahar Velichinsky, son of the late Grigori Davidovich Veli-

Few of us can afford to spend large sums in beauty parlours, but that does not mean we are prepared to miss the opportunity of making the best of ourselves if taking a little trouble will give good results.

Have you ever tried liquid paraffin for hands that have become red and work-roughened; it acts like magic if applied regularly. First rub a little vaseline round the cuticle of each finger-nail; then pour some liquid paraffin into the hollow of your hand and begin to work it thoroughly into the skin. Wash your hands with it, as if were, treating each finger in turn with the thumb and first finger of the opposite hand much as if you were trying to fit on a rather tight pair of kid gloves. You will not only soften and whiten

the skin, but you will help to slim the fingers.

MASSAGE AFTER HOUSEWORK

Massage the paraffin well into the backs of your hands and don't neglect the part of the palm that lies at the base of the fingers, for it is inclined to become dry and hard if one has to do much housework.

Then try the following exercises to make your fingers supple. By the way, I can recommend it to those who have a tendency to rheumatism in their hands: hold your palm upwards and with the thumb well stretched out to the side, in which position it should remain rigidly until the completion of the exercise. Next bend the first finger until it touches the ball of the rigid thumb while the other fingers are kept straight. Put the first finger back and treat each finger to the same movement in turn; your little finger will possibly only reach the base of the thumb, but it should make the same effort. This exercise will give you the supple fingers of a skilled musician if you practise it patiently.

chinsky, and Tamara Krugliak, daughter of Abraham Roman Korot. The ceremony was performed by the Deputy Registrar of Marriages, Mr. W. A. Jones, and witnessed by Mr. B. A. Proulx and Mr. W. G. Poy.



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American Opera Stars Set Pace With Beauty As Well As Voice

One of the great changes in the world of beautiful women in the last decade is demonstrated on the operatic stages.

The fact that a woman had a voice was sufficient a few years ago to excuse a figure cushioned in adipose. But to-day, in opera as elsewhere, the magnificent voice must be coupled with silhouette, grace and charm of compelling interest and beauty to create popular appeal.

We have reviewed this state of affairs from the audience point of view from time to time. Now we have an opportunity to see it from the other side of the footlights, and realise how important the American influence has become even on so firmly established an institution as the opera.

AMERICAN CHARM NATURAL

"Competition with American divas in arias from Verdi, Wagner, and Bizet may not be difficult for foreign opera singers, but competition for America's diamond horse-shoe appraisal of charm, personal attractiveness, and individuality is something else again."

This is the opinion expressed by Gina Cigna, Italian newcomer to the opera, whom critics consider one of the season's most important additions.

The new soprano, whose voice and compelling appearance have commanded wide interest, observes that the charm of the American star, as she sings in and out of the wings, weaves her provocative fan, clicks her castanets, or bedecks herself from her jewel box, is the charm which is natural to her in the drawing room, on the golf links, at her tea table. It is only heightened for dramatic purposes.

NOT HAMPERED BY TRADITION

"The American prima donna retains her personality," Mme. Cigna points out, "which she increases for her operatic performances in the same proportion as her makeup and costuming are heightened in colour for the spotlight. And the reason it has such appeal to audiences is that it has such spontaneity; is so fresh, vital, and unstudied."

"European singers," she explains, "have had to sacrifice their spontaneity for a tradition of studied manner and poise. The American girl is not restricted by such tradition. What she does on the stage is done no differently than she would ordinarily do it, except that it is done with more flair."

The Italian singer thinks that her freedom, independence, and the equality with men which the American woman is accorded in the arts, in the professions, in business, and even in athletics, give her an enviable self-assurance which the European woman lacks.

"Of course," the diva explains, "it is understandable that the American artist can be friendlier and more at ease with her audience in her own country, but she is just as much at home when she sings in the Teatro Reale in Rome, the Teatro Verdi in Trieste, La Scala in Milan, or L'Opera in Paris."

SLIM FIGURE STANDARD

Mme. Cigna thinks that the American prima donna's slim, lithe, almost athletic figure has set an international standard of appearance for the woman opera singer. She explains that she herself has been prompted by such a standard

to adopt a regimen of outdoor exercise, diet, and massage to achieve the slimmest, the fresh vitality, and the healthy complexion of the American singer.

The tradition of elaborate gowns and headresses, originating in Europe and still obtaining in the colourful peasant dress of many European countries, does not restrict the American as it does the foreign singer. The former simplifies her costume to suit her individual tastes, and sees to it that her figure is flattered and her charm is enhanced, according to this observer.

Mme. Cigna points out an instance of one American singer's unruffled poise when she ran afoul of one of those contretemps on the stage which are so familiar to all performers—the period when memory lapses and everything goes blank.

POISE UNDER DIFFICULTIES

"As engagingly as if she were bestowing a gracious favour," says the singer, "the American artist I have in mind gestured confidently to her audience, indicating her predicament, walked over to the conductor and asked permission to begin the passage again. I know from experience that my serenity would have been completely shaken."

Again this observer points out the traditional reaction which the American and the European Carmens have when each forgets the rose, which is a necessary plot device in the opera of that name.

She explains that the European interpreter of the role, bound by tradition, will cover up the omission with a substituted device. The American Carmen immediately begins to draw upon her ingenuity, and eventually figures out a way to dart off stage and back again with her forgotten rose before the audience has noticed her absence.



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Making The Best Of Weight

This talk is for the fat woman.

Many of her slimmer sisters are inclined to pity her. Proud of their own record of eight stone five or six they are thankful they have not to carry the ten stone weight of their neighbour; yet often the palm might go to the stout woman because she happens to know how to carry her weight to the best advantage. By careful exercising, too, she keeps herself in tip-top condition; she knows that she has to be careful and acts on the warning of her mirror; her watchfulness is rewarded by a perfect carriage and steady eradication of accumulations of fat in awkward places.

The following exercises will prove helpful to those who have little time for walking or other active exercise during the day. Ten minutes morning and evening given up to these

movements will keep the figure in good shape:—

Skiping—From a general health point of view there are few finer exercises. Five minutes spent daily skipping either with or without a rope will keep the liver well jogged up and will do much to banish superfluous fat.

Deep Breathing—Here is an exercise valuable to all who have noticed a "spare tyre" above the waistline or who are troubled with sagging abdominal muscles. Take a deep breath through the nose with lips closed and the tongue lying flat at the back of the teeth. At the same time draw in the abdominal muscles as far as possible. Hold in both breath and muscles while you count silently up to ten. Then let out the breath through the mouth and allow the muscles to slacken. This exercise can be practised at odd moments throughout the day to great advantage.

For Fat Shoulders—Stand erect with feet slightly apart and hands held out at shoulder height. Slowly swing the right arm backwards and forwards until it touches the back of the left leg. Then repeat with the other arm.

Checking A Double Chin

Thickening and sagging of the muscles below the angle of the jaw have come to be regarded as early signs of advancing age, although many women develop the symptoms when comparatively young. In such cases the trouble can usually be traced to the use of too high a pillow at night or to a characteristic lack of determination about the set of the mouth and jaw. Such women have not practised a good carriage; it has been their habit to sit more or less bunched up, with the head leaning forward and the jaw held too loosely.

Counteracting Flaccid Muscles

Obviously exercises to counteract the flaccid muscles will give the best results. The following are excellent if practised patiently:—

Bend the head forward and clasp the hands at the back of the head. Then raise the head steadily against the pressure of the hands, keeping the action as slow as possible. Then bend the head backwards and clench the fist under the point of

the chin; press the chin forward against the pressure of the fist.

Bend the head back slightly and open the mouth wide. Then close the mouth very slowly by pulling up the lower jaw to meet the upper. Repeat half-a-dozen times.

Place the backs of the hands under the chin with the fingers interlocked. Close mouth and draw the hands apart under the jawbone and out to the angle of the jaw. Repeat several times.

Astringent Or Vinegar

Generous use of a good astringent lotion or toilet vinegar is recommended in cases of double chin. It should be slapped into the skin vigorously, and this should be followed by firm but not violent kneading with a loosely-clenched fist.

Many women who suffer from a double chin are also troubled with thickening at the back of the neck and over the shoulders. A simple nodding exercise backwards and forwards is helpful for this, and can be practised at odd moments during the day.

A young London hostess, Lady Veronica Hornby, has a notecase which is envied by all her friends. It consists of a flat leather wallet exactly like an envelope, with the owner's name and address stamped on it in the facsimile writing of the giver. In the corner is a real postage stamp let into the leather by a special process, and a real postmark with the date and time of "posting."

Here are some stocking novelties. Very fine stockings with toenails painted in red on the toe-caps, to give the impression of bare feet in the fashionable evening scandals. Tiny coloured spots embroidered on high-pointed heels and scattered over the toes. Gilt-embroidered clocks in the form of a spray of leaves or petals, or gilt anklets embroidered on to the actual stockings, with elaborate clasps or studs in diamonds.

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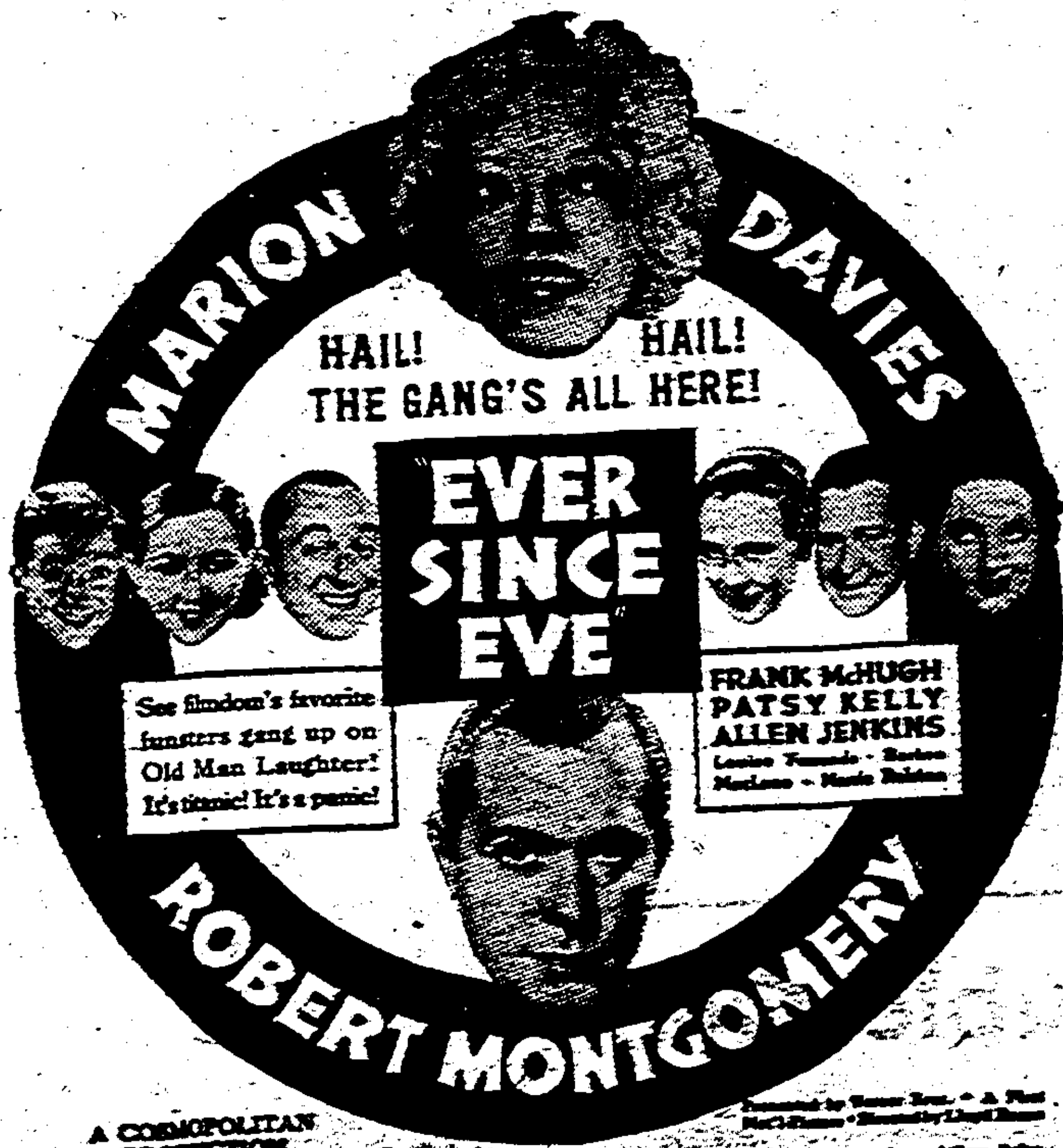
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A distinguished gathering which included His Excellency the Governor, H.E. Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble, H.E. Major-General A. W. Bartholomew, and His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor celebrated the birthday of the Emperor of Japan at a reception held this morning by the Japanese Consul at Conduit Road.

Mr. Nakamura, Consul-General, said:—

It is my great honour and privilege to have the opportunity of celebrating to-day in the presence of the Governor of Hong Kong and other distinguished guests, the 37th anniversary of His Imperial Majesty's birthday.

I am very pleased to inform you that the health of His Majesty is excellent and note that under His Majesty's gracious reign the relation between Japan and other countries represented here are as cordial as ever.

On this occasion of celebration in Hong Kong I cannot but remember the traditional friendship that has been happily existing between Japan and Great Britain.

It is one of the greatest world events that Anglo-Japanese amity in the form of an alliance once saved the Far East from Russian invasion.

I am confident that the same spirit will continue to serve as a great contribution to stabilising the Far East.

It is in this hope that I beg hereby, to be permitted to ask you to drink to the health of His Britannic Majesty.

TRAITS IN COMMON

"H. E. The Governor said:—

"It is with very great gratification that the British people here assembled have listened to the eloquent speech of the Consul-General of Japan and have heard him propose the health of His Majesty King George VI. In my turn I rise with great pleasure to propose the health of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Japan on this anniversary of His Majesty's Birthday.

"There are many traits which our two nations, the Japanese and the British, have in common. We are both island folk, our national homes lying but a little way apart from immense continents inhabited by vigorous and progressive nations: behind protective waters, separating those island homes from their neighbours, the Japanese and the British peoples have in the past been able to develop in peace the political, cultural and moral institutions which to-day are the framework of their national lives. Again, as seafarers, whose ships take them the world over, as traders, as manufacturers and in many other walks of life it is easy to trace other parallelisms between our two peoples.

"The triumphant progress of the Engineer during the last hundred years has, of course, had a profound effect upon all the nations of the Earth and upon their relations one with another.

INTENSE COMPETITION

On the one hand the world has grown far smaller owing to the amazing development of its communications and, on the other, the productive ability of the manufacturer has increased a millionfold. The natural result has been an intensification of competition in the field of international commerce, and of no two nations is that truer than of Japan and Great Britain. But strong though that rivalry is and though on occasions it may give to irritation on both sides I

am happy in believing that such feelings are not more than superficial and transient and that the traditional friendship, to which the Consul-General of Japan has alluded, which has endured for so long between our two countries is not injured thereby.

"I cannot close without expressing my gratitude to you, Mr. Nakamura, not only for your hospitality to-day, but also for your constant endeavour to smooth paths which for the time being are regrettably beset by difficulties.

"Your Excellencies, Your Honours, Ladies and Gentlemen, I call upon you now to drink to the health of His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor of Japan."

GERMAN HELD STOWING AWAY TO JOIN FOREIGN LEGION

David Bader, a German, was this morning charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy with entering the Colony without a valid passport and with stowing away from Shanghai to Hong Kong by the s.s. Soochow.

He was fined \$50 or one month's

imprisonment on the first charge and sentenced to four months' imprisonment on the other.

Sergeant Loughlin said defendant first came to the notice of the Police in 1936 when he was charged as a vagrant and with breach of the Passport Ordinance. He was committed to the House of Detention. He then stated that he had vast property in Germany and had lost everything. The local Jewish community assisted him to some extent and the Police wrote to Germany to verify his story. Before a reply could be received, defendant disappeared and left for Canton. A fortnight later he was arrested in Hong Kong and sentenced to one month's imprisonment and expelled.

In 1937, he stowed away to Swatow but the Police there refused to let him land and sent him to Hong Kong at the same time informing the Police here. Defendant managed to escape ashore before the Police got him.

He arrived from Shanghai and was on the way to Haiphong, when arrested.

Defendant said that he was on the way to Haiphong to join the French Foreign Legion.

FRENCH FLAGSHIP VISITING H.K.

The flagship of the French Far Eastern Naval Squadron is arriving in the Colony on Tuesday next week, with Vice-Admiral Le Bigot, the Commander-in-Chief aboard. Admiral Le Bigot will call at Government House during the morning and His Excellency the Governor will return the visit.

The "Lamotte-Piquet" will be staying in the Colony for several days, and on Thursday there will be an official dinner at Government House in honour of Vice-Admiral Le Bigot.

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A FISH FOR INNOCENCE

AS the motor-coach rumbled fiercely towards the coast Sam explained his ambitions to the friendly driver:

"I been wanting to catch a fish, bad, for my Ma, see? We been used to fish, good 'uns. My Dad, he used to be a fish porter and bring 'em home from market. He's dead now, and my Ma's got bad eyes, skin growing over 'em. She's gone to hospital, and I'm staying with Vic's Ma. That's why I want a fish, for my Ma."

"There ain't any fish round our way, Vic and me, we've tried, ain't we, Vic? but there isn't any. We tried the canal once—a swine of a job it was, too, sitting on the broken glass on the wall—but we didn't catch nothing only a dead cat. We been to Highgate too, whip-behind on the back of a lorry, and we got some tiddlers, a whole lemonade bottle full. Caught 'em in a sack, didn't we Vic? but they died quick and we couldn't get 'em out of the bottle and lost the penny on it."

"My Ma, she give me two bob before she went to hospital and Vic, he has an idea, didn't you Vic? We don't belong to this Sunday School lot really but Vic, he reckoned we could pay off a couple of the kids for a tanner a time and come instead: motor riding makes 'em sick, see? Take a lot of it to make us sick though, wouldn't it, Vic? And it worked!"

"Old Vic he trots up to that lanky bloke with the tickets and tells him all about it, polite-like, and he don't know what to do, it being all irregular, so he says. But Vic and me, we look like a wet week and he goes soft and tells us to get aboard just like we thought. So here we are. And please can you tell us what sort of fish we shall catch in the sea and ain't it a lovely day?"

The driver, lean and middle-aged, with children of his own, remembered how he himself had fished as a boy over a tenement railings, hooking the drab clothes on the lines below with his bent pin and pretending they were fish until cuffed back to reality. A bright pair, these two—the curate hadn't stood an earthly—keen and tough and probably been up all night lifting flagstones to find worms, good luck to 'em!

He agreed that it would be a perfect day for all if only the curate wouldn't keep fluttering up and down the coach like a moth on fire: "Just like he's expecting one of 'em to lay an egg! Fair gets on my wick!"

But he wasn't really disturbed. He stormed across a fourways, hooting a rhythmic how's-your-father, winking at Sam and Victor when a small car flinched away, piping shrilly: "Thought it was a tool box fallen off some lorry for a minute. Now about this here fishing."

It appeared that fishing was right up his street, that he was secretary of a minor Upper Thames fishing club and that he'd once been chauffeur to a very sporting lord, a great-lad famous the world over for his exploits.

"Lumme, Vic, a couple of them 'ud do us a treat!"

"Not 'alf! Reckon we ought to have brought some bigger hooks, though. These ain't much cop, are they guv'nor?"

The driver examined their hooks and lines briefly and expertly: "Not much class about them, is there?" he said frankly: "But I know what. I'll take you on the pier with me and we can scrounge round a bit. A bolt apiece'll do you for a sinker and there's some corks left over from the last Paladins of Temperance outing. We shall want something tasty for bait, too, a nice bit of Cain-and-Abel or something to ring the bell. I caught the best fish of my life on an old bit of pork . . . like catching a steam engine on a flypaper it was, too."

Eagerly Sam produced his dinner sandwich: "Here's the pork."

"Plenty of time, son, plenty of time. O.K. Colonel," this to the curate who was fussily explaining exactly where he wanted the coach parked by the sea: "Lord lumme! Twenty miles to go and he's telling 'em not to get their feet wet already! Wants half a dozen of his own to fret about."

Steadily the coach, drove to the sea, now diving under trees like a stoat on an irresistible scent, now seeming to suck up the winding open road as if it were milk poured for its special nourishment. All anxiousness gone with the driver's reassurance, Sam and Victor gazed in blinking wonder at so much ripeness and space.

Never before had they seen such wide abundance, such grass and trees and ponds and birds and animals. Slowly the mists lifted and the sun shone as if it were remembering its own youth.

Sam and Victor pointed excitedly to many quiet marvels, and the driver grinned and explained

ed curate that he'd take good care of them both, and off they marched triumphantly to the pier, which seemed to welcome them with a broad, gold-toothed smile.

It seemed that the driver and the turnstile keeper were somehow related, for a wink was sufficient to pass them all on to the pier. Victor capered jubilantly on the drum-skin planking, but Sam walked soberly close to the rail, hook and line and pork sandwich in hand, serenely confident that this splendid sea would yield at least one worthy fish.

The driver thought the chances fair: "But you mustn't expect too much. A good fisherman is satisfied if he's done his level best." But, secretly, he determined that he'd pin a fish somehow to Sam's line, even if it meant climbing to water level himself. The boy deserved it; it would be a fitting baptismal gift, a setting of him on the right road, something he'd remember all his life.

Pleased with the idea, the driver dived into a dark little cuddy-hole smelling of tarred rope and boiled oil, reappearing with two large hooks and a tangle of conger line. "Best I can do. Bit on the big side, but it saves wasting time on sprats. I reckon the best place is down the end."

Blithely the boys took up position between two solemn, camp-stool experts who hardly smiled when Sam insisted on baiting his hook with an ear-sized piece of pork, only puffed harder at their tin-capped pipes and hoped meanly that they'd quickly lose their

steamer draw alongside leaving Sam with a line in each hand, very happy and watchful, half his mind under water, the other half sailing blissfully. A good lad. He was probably wishing his Ma could see him now and wondering what was in the bags belonging to the other fishermen.

Very evidently he didn't think much of them for wandering off to gossip so casually, leaving their lines unattended. Sure enough, when Victor returned, Sam sent him off again to find out just what had been caught. Victor's report, delivered bluntly and clearly, carried nearly the length of the pier:

"Not so hot! A few little 'uns and one big flat 'un—I reckon the big 'un was jammed once by the steamer to get that way."

Sam frowned, then brightened: "Lumme! you can't expect anything else the way they go at it, messing about, pulling in and chucking out and mothers' meetings and listening to the band and lighting their pipes. Reckon you wouldn't see a real fisherman doing that. P'raps real fishermen don't come here at all, not enough doing. P'raps we ought to go out in a boat?"

Victor peered perilously over-side: "plenty of water, must be something in it." Briskly he hauled in his line, examined his hook and rebaited it handsomely, throwing out again with a whoopee cry, thereupon ending his fishing for the day for the tail of his line was unsecured and flew snakily away.

Victor swore disgustedly, then dusted his hands and grinned benignly, trotting away with easy conscience to watch the high diving and speed-boating under the pier, shouting as he went, "Time you had a big 'un, Sam."

But Sam shook his head doubtfully, quite sure that the fish must dislike the pier standing so leggily in their water, that they must hate too the cigarette ends and bits of muck that drifted down; like someone combing their hair in your face, he thought uncomfortably. Then there were the steamers too, stirring up the works. He grimaced philosophically. Anyway it had been a decent day. Not much fun going home again to the tenement without a fish for Ma, but he'd work hard for another day like it for them both, hawk firewood or something. But although hope was small he did not relax attention.

Watching understandingly the driver grinned to himself remembering his own early excursions, turning once more to the tarry cuddy-hole to see just what sort of a fish he could get to attach to Sam's line. The ancient locker-keeper, an old friend, liked the idea but doubted if he could get hold of anything alive: "There's a real nice conger that was caught this morning now."

The driver hoped that Sam would not pay too much attention to its deadness, and the locker-keeper's son was sent to monkey under the pier with a boathook and Sam's line, the conger in a sack tied corner to corner over his shoulders. But in five minutes he was back again, grinning

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Short
Story

By H. A.
Manhood

how corn became bread why cows liked being milked, and that rabbits didn't eat meat ever, not even on Sundays. Warmly inspired, the whole company sang lustily, beginning with hymns and ending shockingly. The curate clucked weakly, smiling wanly when the driver bluntly recommended him to let the kids enjoy themselves for once:

The first sight of the sea, sun-spangled and intensely blue, with boats riding like undressed, holiday-minded birds, made Victor shout and stamp and Sam gulp weepily for neither had imagined such illimitable splendour, such a basin-full of right fishing stuff. Victor wanted to sample everything instantly, but no thought of donkey rides, paddling or shooting galleries crossed Sam's grateful mind.

Already he was estimating depths and possibilities, willing success with perfect singleness, unshaken by the merry planning of others, undisturbed by noise or colour or the circus flavour of the place. Anxiously he heard the driver explain to the harass-

ridulous tackle or tire of inactivity. Very energetically Victor bunched upon his hook the mussels the driver had brought, refusing to spoil his sandwich, demanding to know which was the best way of killing a fish once it was hooked. "Clout it one, or knife it?" Gravely the driver recommended strangulation, flinging the lines far out, explaining how to distinguish between the pull of the tide and a genuine bite.

"If it's a bite, give it a chance to take hold properly: count ten: then strike and haul in."

Sam was sure he'd manage that part all right, for hadn't he been catching fish in imagination for years?

Receiving a promise that they would not stray, the driver bought them each a bag of potato chips and left them, arranging to collect them in good time for the homeward journey, going not far, however, but watching appreciatively where he could not be seen.

As he expected, Victor dashed off very soon to watch the paddle



Some of those who attended the laying of wreaths at the Cenotaph on Anzac Day. ("Mail" photo).



Four times a year coastguards carry out practice with the rocket life saving apparatus at Portland. Rescue work is carried out from the 300 ft. high cliffs to the beach below so that the apparatus can be thoroughly tested and the efficiency of the Guards maintained. (Copyright).



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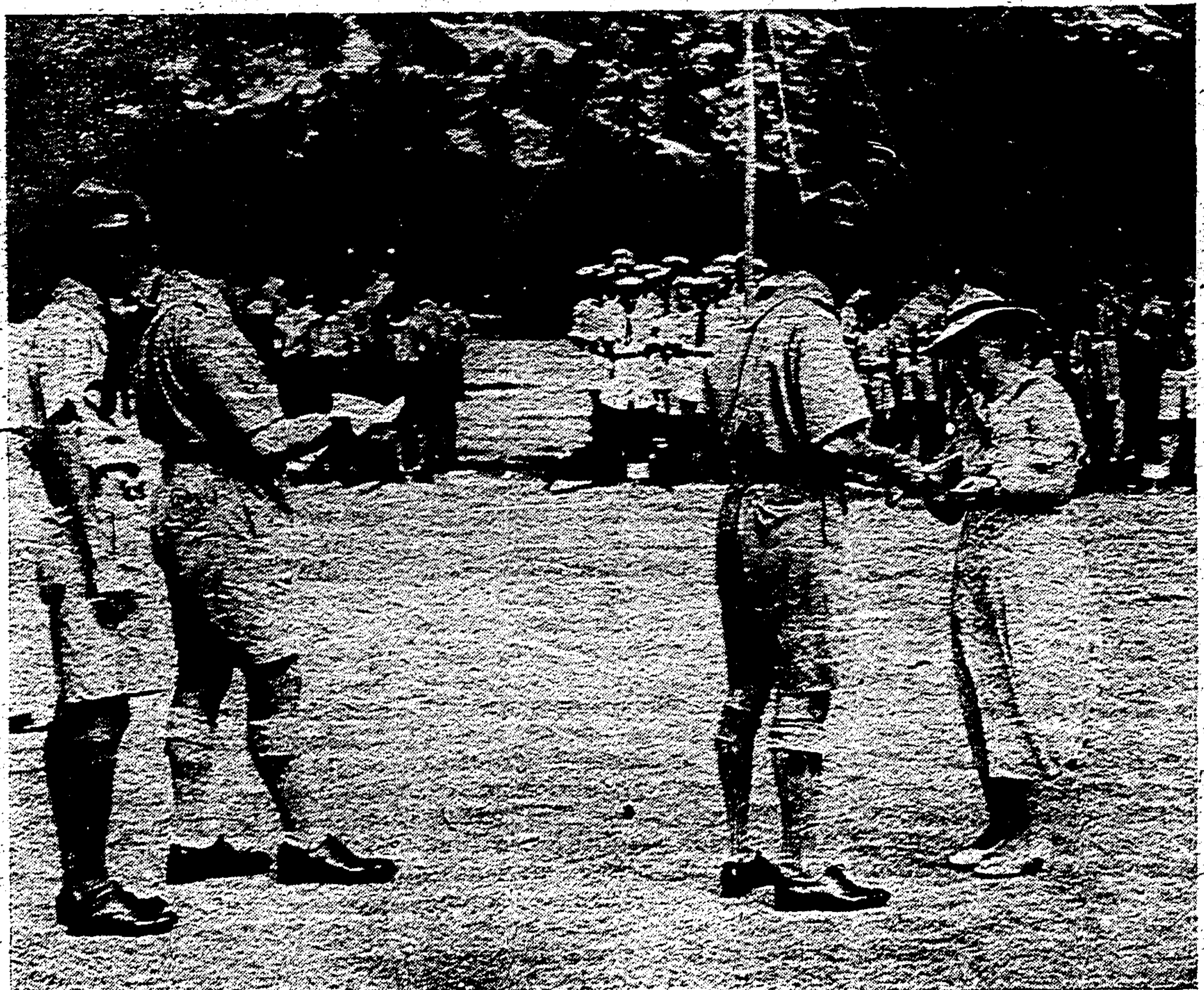
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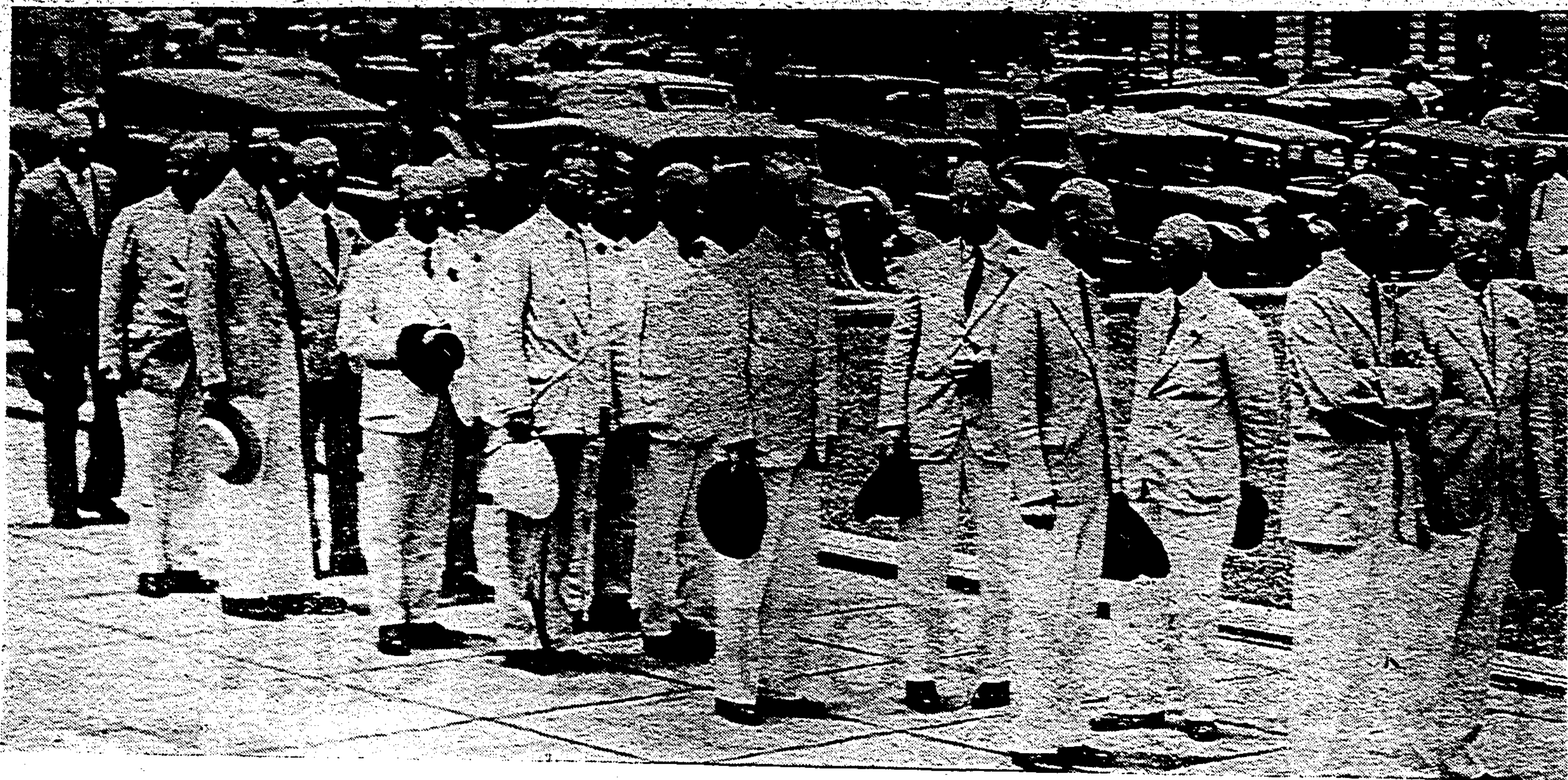
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A wrecked railway bridge near Taierschwang, scene of bitter fighting for several weeks past. (C.M.P. photo).

CABBAGES AND KINGS

Legal Advice

A well-known attorney was always lecturing his office boy, whether he needed it or not. One day he chanced to hear the following conversation between the boy and the one employed next door.

"How much does your chief pay you?" asked the latter.

"I get \$1,500 a year. Five dollars a week in cash and the rest in legal advice!"

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A Type

Vignette: "He is the type of fellow that goes into a drug store for a nickel drink, and expects with it two glasses of water, the use of a table and chair for an hour, the opportunity of listening to the radio, the right to read a thirty-five-cent magazine, the privilege of three ten-minute conversations over the telephone, and then complains because the place is not air-conditioned."

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He replied, "No, indeed, one tongue is sufficient for a woman."

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The One Thing Needful

Told at an Edinburgh golf club dinner: Jock and Sandy were playing a match one day, and the following conversation was overheard on one of the greens:

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Sandy: "I'm nae sure, but I ken you've played six."



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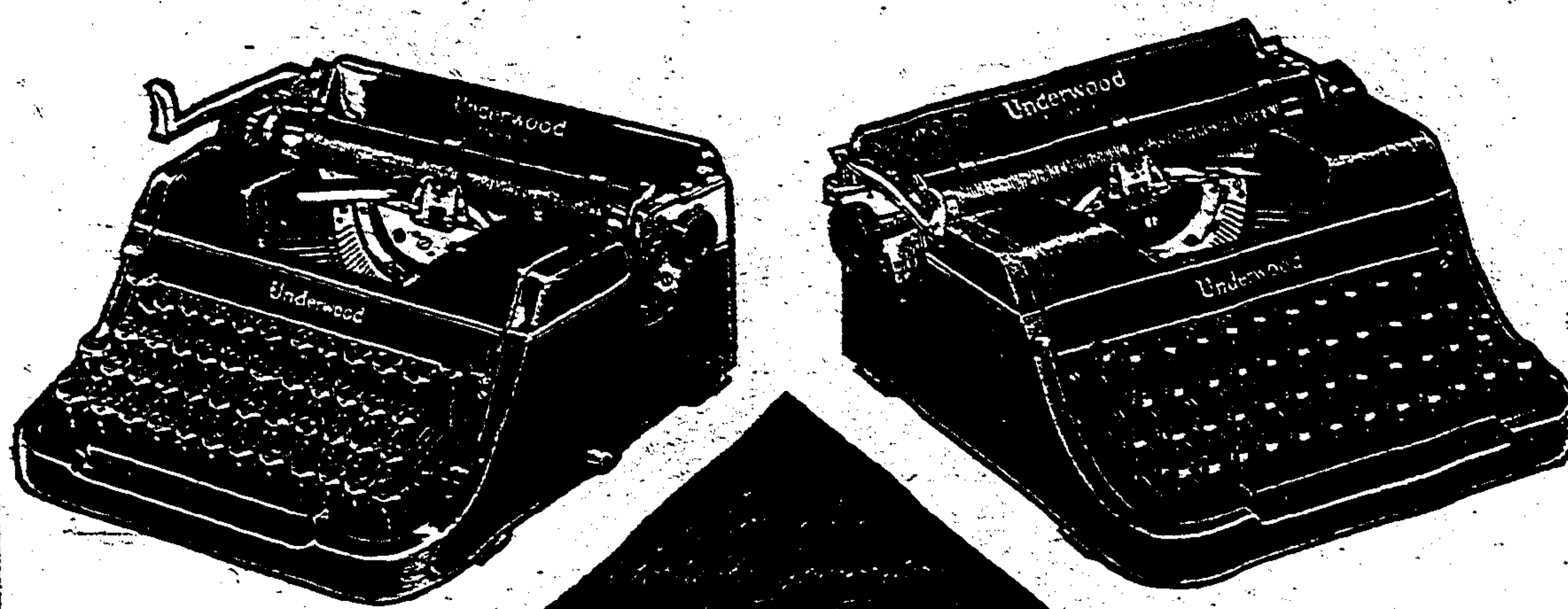
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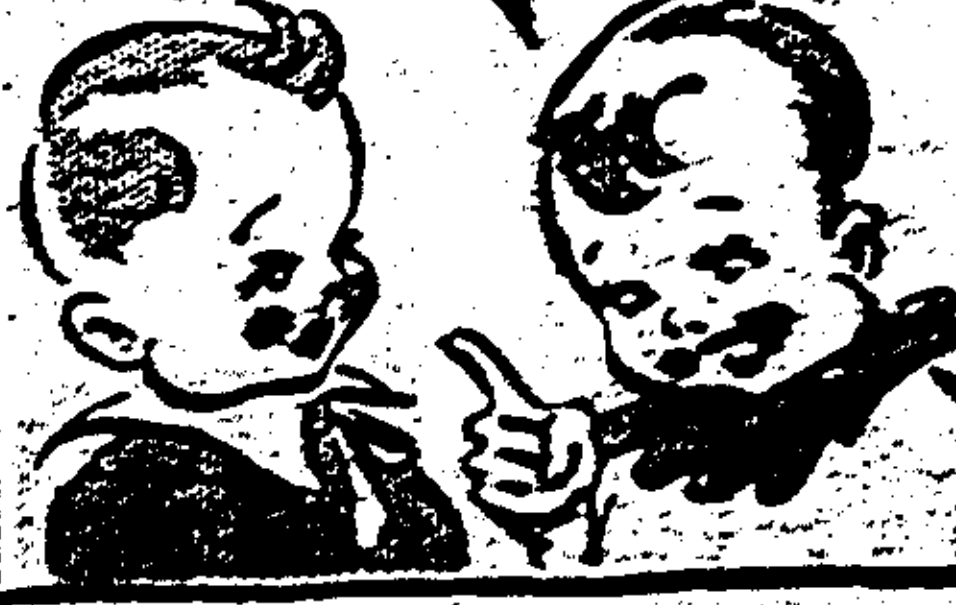
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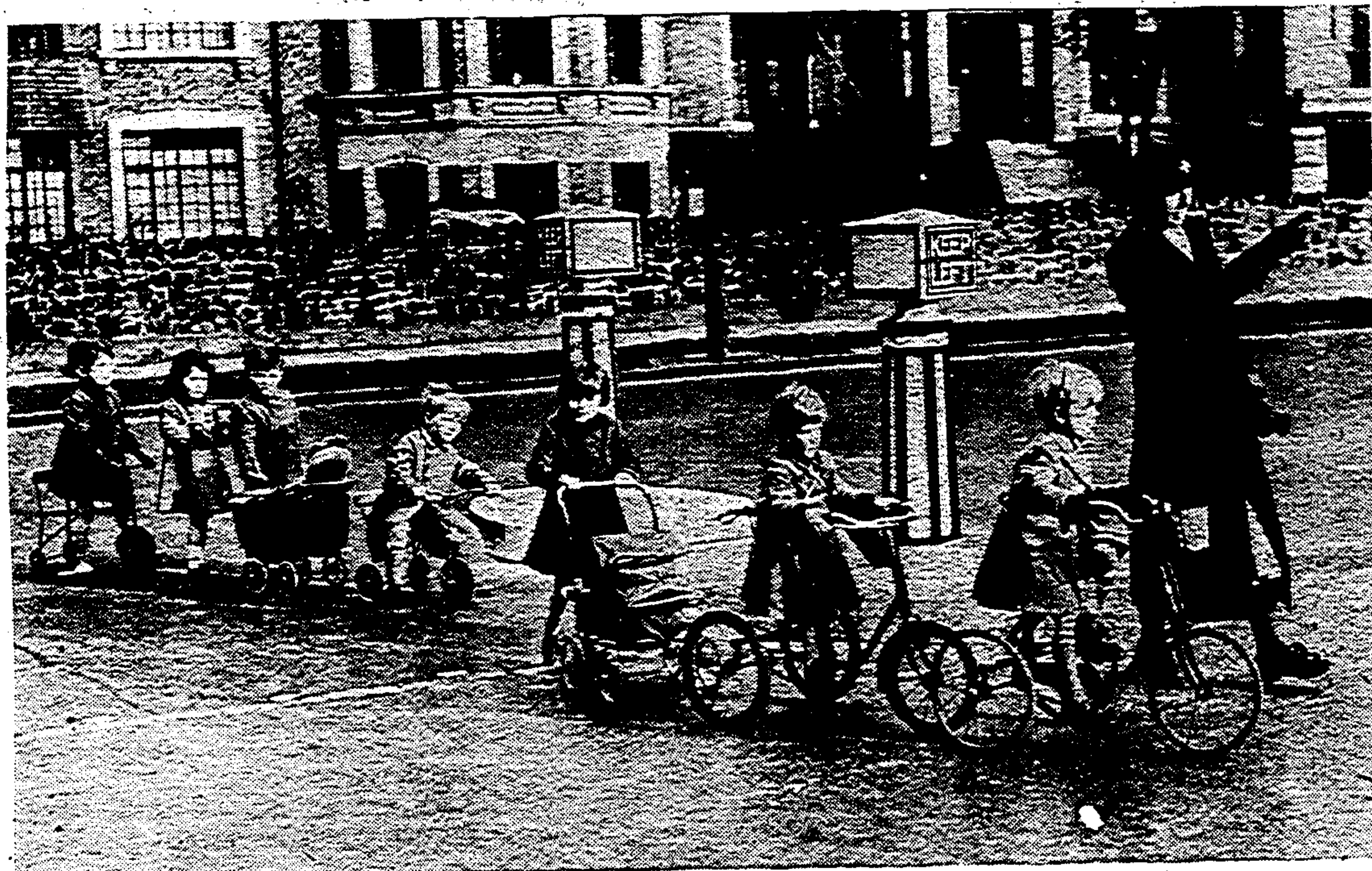


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STATE, CHURCH, AND CITIZEN

Inquisition and Liberty. By G. G. Coulton. Heinemann. Pp. xiii. 354. 15s.

(By F. M. POWICKE)

Dr. Coulton ranges widely in this last book, and much of what he writes will be familiar, in atmosphere if not in detail, to those who have read his other writings. The significance is in the last chapter, in which Dr. Coulton seeks to draw the line between intolerance and the legitimate punishment of opinionated men who will not conform to existing society. It is not quite clear whether he thinks that the Church at no time had the right to punish nonconformity, or that it has erred in refusing to distinguish between the ninety and nine who can safely be disregarded and the hundredth who is dangerous. In the earlier part of his book he appears to maintain the former, in the last chapter he seems to admit the latter view. If he holds the former view he presumably means that what he allows to the State he would deny to the Church. He urges that, while it should show all possible leniency, the State has a right to punish conscientious objectors, and every now and then he seems to apply this criticism to the treatment of heresy; but on the whole he appears to hold that at no period in history can the Church be exonerated from moral reproach in so far as it did not tolerate heresy, and that the Roman Church, even though it should repudiate the right to punish and express sorrow for the persecution of recalcitrants in the past, could not avoid "the moral compulsion" to reintroduce the principles of the mediaeval inquisition in any State which "ever became again 100 per cent. Catholic." A State which allows this exercise of the Church's sense of moral compulsion would be essentially wrong, but its claim to punish objectors on other grounds would be essentially right.

Provided that the widest interpretation is given to religious intolerance, and that it is not confined to the activities of the Roman Catholic Church, Dr. Coulton's distinction would doubtless receive general support. At the same time the distinction is more cogent in theory than in practice. Historically it is impossible to make it. That the establishment of the inquisition was shown by results to have been a ghastly mistake is, I think true; but the wider issue remains, and the inquisitorial mind remains, in the State no less than in the Church. Even those objectors who would themselves prefer to keep religion and politics distinct are often not allowed to do so. We have an illustration of this in Germany to-day. In the past religion and politics have rarely been distinguished. Dr. Coulton's distinction is merged historically and to-day also in the much bigger issue of the relation between freedom and social obligations. Instead, if I may say so without offence, Dr. Coulton himself has his share of the inquisitorial mind. If he and I had lived in the Middle Ages I think that I would have tried to avoid him. I am sure that he, at any rate, would have felt quite at home, especially in the disputations of the schools, and I doubt very much if he would have been a heretic.



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A FISH FOR INNOCENCE

(Continued from Page 1)

broadly, the conger still in the sack:

"Looks like the kid's got something on his own account. A tidy packet, too . . ."

The driver stared unbelievably, then bolted gratefully away, white coat tails flying.

Sure enough, there was Sam, stuck into something, very cool and determined. In the beginning he had felt, miraculously, a most curious twitching and bumping on his line, like a clumsy pickpocketing. Very exactly he had counted ten before bracing himself against a stanchion and pulling hard. At once there was considerable movement below, a large shifting and snatching and bubbling like a crate of fireworks warming up. Proudly and efficiently Sam hauled, the line giving sluggishly. For a moment he felt sick and lonely, it had gone, it was only some old rubbish after all.

Then, as he drew in the line hope leapt again, for a sullen kind of head-shaking answered the move. There *was* something! He wished Victor was at hand to help with the hauling for it was heavy, but instead there was the coach driver at his elbow, sensibly approving. Sam begged him to find a Victor couldn't let Vic miss this lot. The driver whistled piercingly, beckoning, fingering the line inquiringly:

"Feels like a Channel swimmer gone wrong somehow. Give her a good pull now, one. It's a bit of all right or I'm a door-knob! It must have been that bit of pork . . ."

Apathetically the surrounding anglers watched. Then, when it was evident that something weighty was indeed attached, they pottered close with many suggestions which the driver waved impatiently away:

"Give the boy a chance. He knows what he's at, don't you, son?"

Sam nodded, tight-lipped and shining-eyed, imagining a beautiful torpedo-shaped fish, splendid to look at and to eat. Steadily he pulled in, the driver helping thoughtfully:

"Funny sort of action it's got, like an elephant trying on a pair of boots," he commented. "Thought I knew 'em all, but this is new for sure."

One of the elderly pipe-smokers, peering overside for a glimpse of the fish, gaped suddenly, his pipe falling and drowning.

Sam and the driver gazed together, holding tight to the quivering line. Sam shivered and guessed he'd hooked a deep-water scarecrow. No beauty there, only a pop-eyed, bloated, spiny monstrosity which none but a cat would care to eat. Still, it was a fish, and big, and seemed to be getting bigger every minute. It would make Ma laugh. The driver hauled strongly and tried to think of a name for it:

"Looks middling like a Chinese lantern, son!"

A last heave, and the great, bloated fish was lifted over the rail. It was big as a full-blown baron and as ugly. Cold, blank eyes stared from the bottle sockets: its dew-lapped cheeks bristled with wormy tendrils: rainbow colours flickered over its tough, mottled skin like queer, escaping memories. The needle-pointed fins and tail flapped with a clicking, old-umbrella sound, and the gasping suck of air through the livid gills was like a

feverish, funeral stitching against time.

Victor was delighted. He touched the tight, oily skin, then jumped and bawled, wringing his hand, stung by many minute, breathing thorns.

Sam looked worried and wanted to know how ever they were going to get it home. The driver scratched his head and didn't remember having seen anything quite like it before, although he'd caught some queer stuff, too.

"It's a puzzle, son a rare good start for a museum, but a bit of a joke on you and me."

Then, unexpectedly, a prim voice from the edge of the crowd identified it: "It is what is called a carpincho, the spiny water hog . . . quite unusual. I will give you five shillings for it, my boy."

But Sam was hardly listening. He was trying to think how they could pack it in the coach without all those kids falling on it. Lumme, what a stir it would make back home, the sort of thing they'd never take your word for.

"Ten shillings. I would like it to stuff. . . ."

The driver winked at Sam, but Sam wasn't interested, anyway. Then another voice, coarse and hearty, cut across the hum.

"I'll make it a quid. It'll look real good in my shop window." The speaker, a fat, self-made fishmonger, sniffed openly across at the finicky taxidermist.

Very annoyed, the taxidermist added five shillings, then another five, offering thirty shillings in notes to Sam. Whereupon the fishmonger, cunningly aware that coin has more charm for the young mind, rattled much silver in his palm.

"Come on, boy, forty bob!"

But Sam shook his head. "I got to take it home to show Ma. She don't know there's things like that about."

Then it was that Victor, recovered from his stings, whispered foxily:

"Have a heart, Sam! Just think what we could do with two quid! Sides, if your Ma's eyes are bad she won't be able to see it. Cripes alive! you can't even touch it! 'Taint no good to eat neither. Why, with the money you could buy your Ma something real good and still have a packet left."

Sam hesitated and the price rose again. He hadn't thought of it that way. Why, with all that money you could damned nearly buy new eyes! He appealed to the driver, explaining all sides:

"Close at four quid, son. It's a winner." Sam turned to the fishmonger but instantly the taxidermist, determined not to be publicly defeated, rapped out a bigger offer. The fishmonger searched his pockets hastily, then sighed, for he had no more money with him.

"Tell you what, though, if you come up to my shop I'll made it a fiver. . . ."

"Can't stop," Sam answered him, and the taxidermist, waxen-faced and pompous, promptly handed over ninety shillings: "My fish. I think," he said nastily, and elbowed the fishmonger and the crowd back from the still heaving fish. The driver looked at his watch.

"The sack for me if we don't hurry," he exclaimed.

Sam held the money tightly in his pocket, running after him, calling to Victor to follow. But Victor thought it a pity to lose such a lucky hook and line. The



Chinese irregular units on the march near Taierchwang, on the south Shantung front. (C.M.P. photo).

taxidermist, in his triumph, nodded to him to take it, and Victor pulled hard. There was a startling, corky pop, and Sam's pork appeared intact, the fish subsiding to quarter size with a great sighing that was immediately drowned in laughter.

"You can have it, mate," the fishmonger bawled.

Victor ducked and was gone, and they were well on the way home before he explained to Sam:

"Pop! Like that, and down it went like a busted balloon. Talk about laugh! Thought you might want to give the bloke his money back if I told you right away."

But Sam only laughed and didn't care. He could only think of the happy wonder that would be in his mother's face when he gave her so much money, enough to repair her eyes and keep them in fish for a month.

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FOOD CONTROL AND RATIONING AT OUTSET OF ANY NEW WAR

London, To-day.

A broad outline of the preparations being made for feeding the nation in time of war is given in a report issued by the Food Defence Plans Department of the Board of Trade.

Report points out that to ensure that all types of the country will be able to buy the food they require in a major emergency it is essential that food control, comprising the organisation of supplies and the regulation of consumers' demands should be imposed immediately after the outbreak of hostilities and if this is to be done, plans must be made well in advance.

It would not be in the national interest to disclose what is being done in certain branches of the Department's work and, therefore, the Report must not be regarded as covering all the activities of the Department.

The aim of the department is to anticipate every important problem with which the future Food Controller might be called upon to deal, with a bearing say on the first six months, and to prepare plans for each problem which could be put into operation with the minimum of delay and with the maximum of goodwill on the part of the food trades concerned.

TRADERS' MACHINERY

The Department considers the machinery of control should be operated, so far as practicable, by the food traders themselves and is taking steps to ensure that each plan is understood and regarded as workable by the trades concerned.

The main objects of food control would be to ensure that adequate bulk supplies of food were available as required, that these supplies were distributed to places where they would be wanted, and that every member of the public would be able to obtain enough of the national food supply at a reasonable price.

To achieve these ends, detailed plans are being worked out beforehand, both for obtaining adequate supplies of foodstuffs and for regulating their distribution to consumers.

THREE ASPECTS

From the consumers' standpoint food control has three aspects in which he is vitally concerned—

Guarantee of regular supplies
Limitation of prices and profits
and

Equality of sacrifice in the event of shortage.

The Department's plans are being prepared along lines which would enable them to come into operation without delay on the outbreak of war so as to prevent any temporary or local shortage of food, to regulate the price of all important food products and to prevent the formation of food queues.

The Food Controller would arrange without delay for the purchase of foodstuffs overseas and would appoint a Director of Supplies and an expert committee to manage purchases of each commodity or group of commodities.

COMMODITY SCHEMES

The Report outlines a few typical commodity schemes which are in an advanced stage of preparation, dealing with cereals, flour, bread, butcher's meat, bacon and ham, sugar, edible fats and tea.

In view of the possible results of air attack, many new problems of

transport and distribution have arisen. Plans for dealing with these problems are not yet complete but substantial progress has been made with the schemes including plans for a widespread dispersal of stocks which are being worked out in conjunction with the Ministry of Transport, the Mercantile Marine Department of the Board of Trade and Port Authorities with the help of the trade interests concerned.

RATIONING PLANS

It is practically certain that rationing would form an essential part of any future system of food control and that certain important foods, such as meat, would be rationed from the outset. Whether certain other commodities, such as tea, would also have to be rationed would depend on the nature of the emergency.—British Wireless.

HEAVY JAP. BOMBING RAID ON HSUCHOW

Shanghai, To-day.

Following the appearance of one lone Japanese plane over Hsuehchow yesterday morning, 32 Japanese bombers and fighters raided the city later in the day, concentrating on the railway.

Over 100 bombs, including many of an incendiary nature, were dropped, killing over 60 civilians and setting fire to more than 40 buildings.

The raid lasted about half-an-hour.—Our Own Correspondent.

DENMARK TO BUY MORE BRITISH GOODS

London, To-day.

Denmark has agreed to make increased purchases of United Kingdom goods.

The Secretary of the Department of Overseas Trade informed the Commons that certain trade matters had recently been the subject of discussion with the competent Danish authorities.

The Danish Government had now made an offer which had been accepted by His Majesty's Government to provide facilities for increasing by about Kroner 20,000,000 imports of a wide range of United Kingdom goods, including coal and textiles.—British Wireless.

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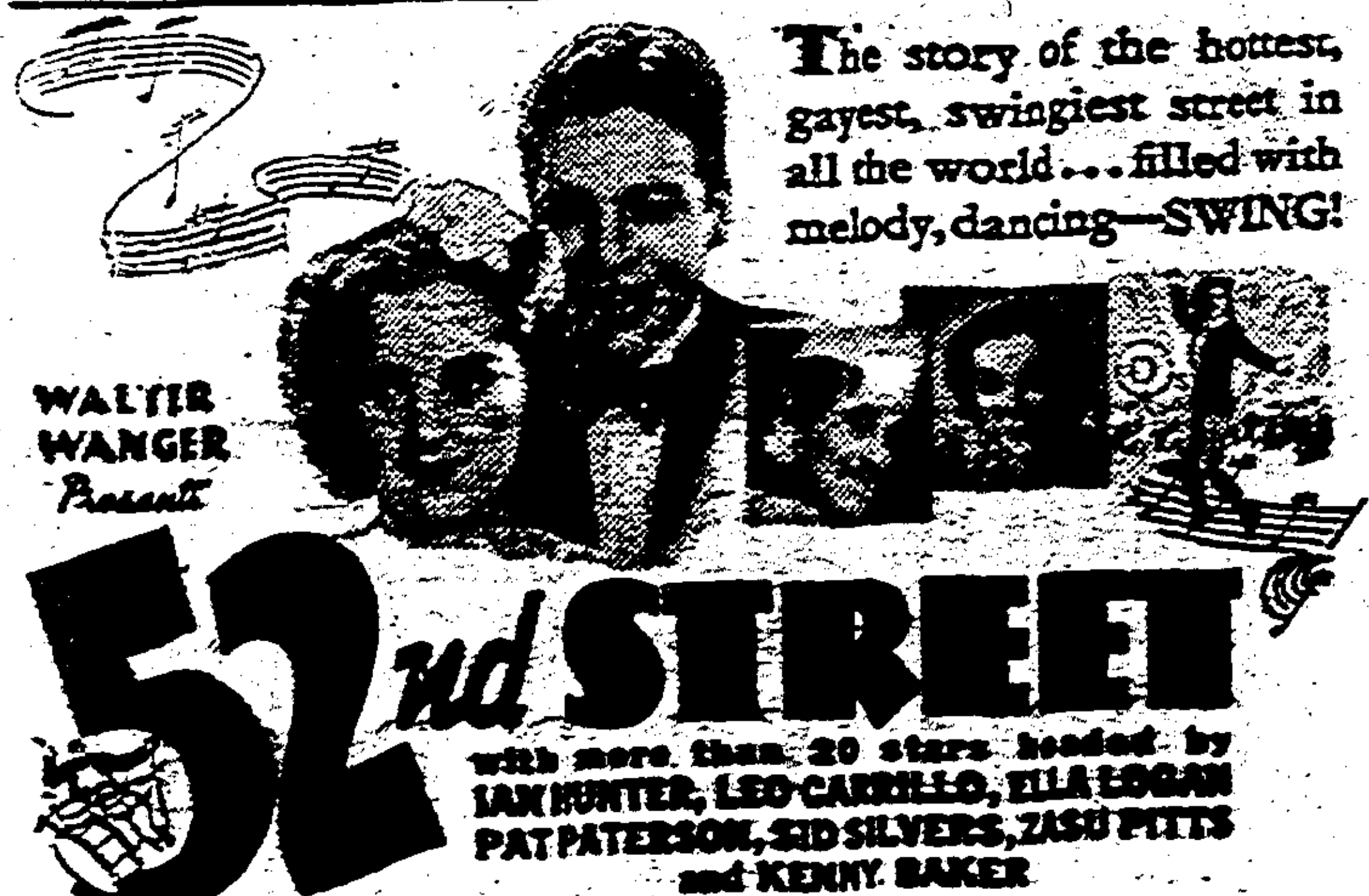
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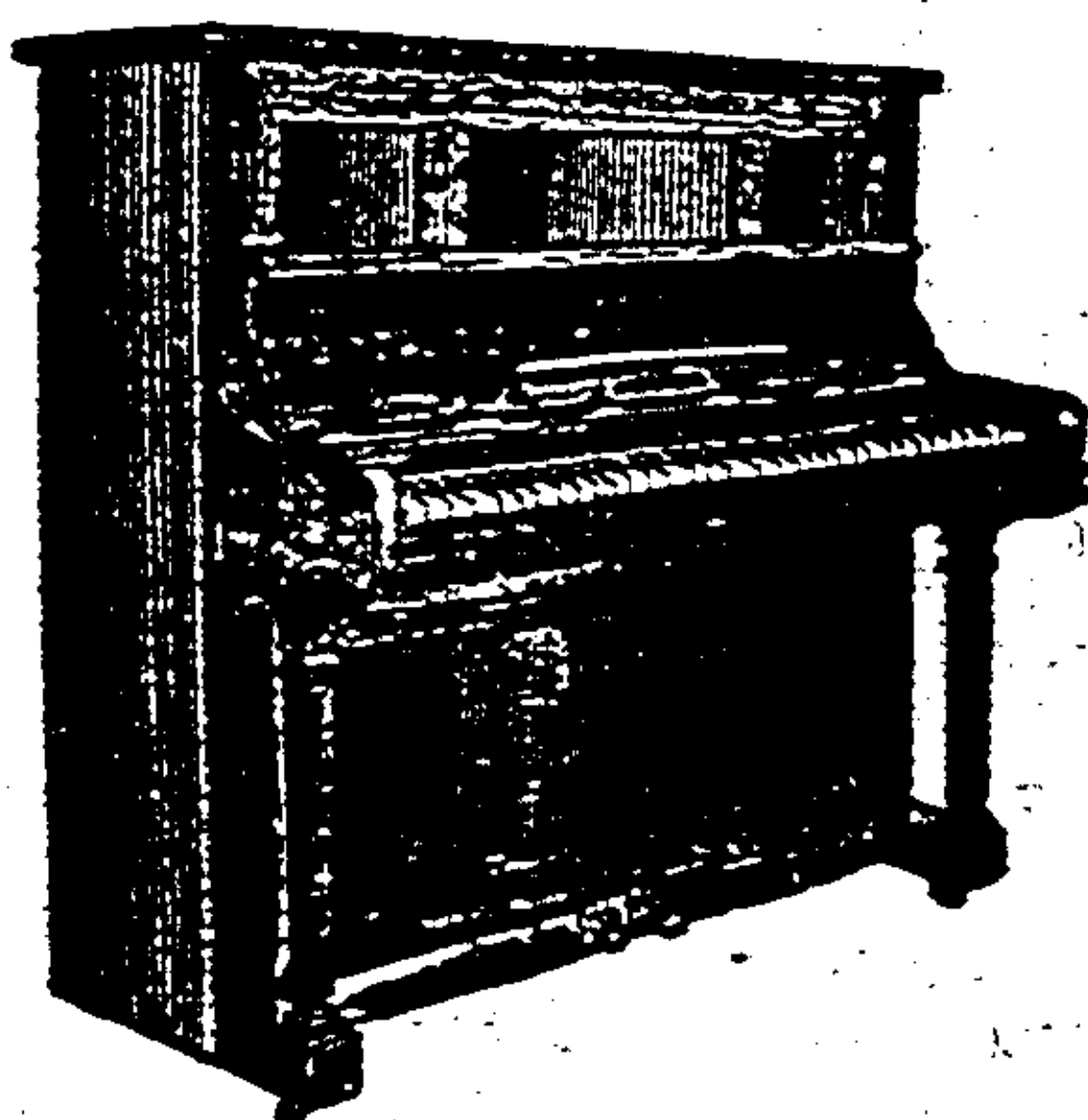
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**"COMPLETE AGREEMENT
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MOMENT CONFRONTING US"**

London, To-day.

Talking to journalists after the first day of the Anglo-French talks, the French Premier, M. Daladier, stated:

"It can be said without exaggeration that the talks were conducted in an exceedingly cordial tone, and everyone came away with the impression that complete agreement existed on the needs of the moment confronting us.

"An accord was reached on all cardinal points and on all issues."

Interviewed at the same time, the French Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet, confirmed the report that the British statesmen had informed their French colleagues of the nature of the Anglo-Italian Pact.

Other matters discussed, he added, were the Spanish question and the problem of a trade agreement within the framework of national defence of both countries.

M. Bonnet also revealed that both parties had agreed as to the procedure to be adopted on May 9 at Geneva in connexion with the Abyssinian question, and that the problem of Swiss neutrality had also been debated.

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

Reliable sources state that the Czecho-Slovakian question was discussed, and will occupy the foreground when the talks are resumed this morning.

M. Jan Masaryk, the Czech Minister in London, had a lengthy interview yesterday afternoon with permanent officials of the Central European Department of the Foreign Office.

It is presumed that this had to do with certain requests for information made by Downing Street to Prague in the course of the afternoon.

LOAN QUESTION

As regards the question of financial aid for France, Trans-Ocean learns from a reliable source that this problem had been placed as a separate item on the agenda of the London talks, but that M. Bonnet will raise the problem.

It is apparently intended to adopt some sort of measures to attain the greatest possible stabilisation of the French franc.—Trans-Ocean.

**LET BRITAIN
DO THE JOB?**

Washington, To-day.

Denouncing the United States' \$1,156,000,000 naval expansion programme as unjustified, and expressing the belief that the programme originated with President Roosevelt and not the Navy, Senator La Follette vigorously asserted in the Senate yesterday:

"Complete destruction of the British Fleet would have to be a prerequisite of an attack on any country in this hemisphere."

It was to Britain's interest, he added, to keep the Atlantic shipping lanes open.—Reuter.

**INDIA'S
STAKE IN
EGYPT**

Bombay, To-day.

The Millowners' Association has drawn the attention of the Indian Government to the increases in the Egyptian textile tariff, which they state will seriously cripple Indian exports.

The Association urges the Government to negotiate for restoration of the old rates, or alternatively, to associate itself with the British Government in protest.—Reuter.

**LARGE RISE IN
GERMANY'S
REVENUE**

Berlin, To-day.

The income of the Reich from all forms of taxation in the year ending March 31, amounted to nearly fourteen milliard marks, an increase of 2,485,000,000 marks compared with the previous year.

Income tax shows an increase of 800,000,000 marks to over 4,000,000,000 marks, and the turnover tax established a new high record of 2,758,000,000 marks.

The Reich refugee tax, paid mainly by Jews desiring to leave the country, rose from 70,000,000 to 80,000,000 marks.

The tax on beer netted 315,000,000 marks.—Reuter.

**HERR HITLER'S
ENTOURAGE**

Berlin, To-day.

When Herr Hitler leaves Berlin next week for Rome he will be accompanied by many notable Nazi leaders and officials.

They will include Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, the Foreign Minister, Rudolf Hess, the Fuehrer's deputy, Dr. Joseph Goebbels, the Propaganda Minister, the Commander-in-Chief of the German Army and the police chief, Herr Himmler.—Reuter.

**NEW GERMAN
AMBASSADOR**

Tokyo, To-day.

The new German Ambassador to Japan proceeded to the Imperial Palace at 10 a.m. yesterday and presented his credentials to the Emperor.—Our Own Correspondent.

ANGLO-FRENCH DISCUSSIONS ON THE NONSTOP SCALE

Czecho-Slovakia Issue Postponed Until To-day

Full Agreement Achieved On All Other Points

London, To-day.

The Anglo-French talks were practically a non-stop affair yesterday, for after the morning session the delegates continued informal discussion over lunch, which was given at 10, Downing Street, by Mr. Neville Chamberlain, and were resumed formally immediately afterwards.

The vital question of Czecho-Slovakia was expected to come under review in the afternoon, as the morning, it is understood, was occupied with the question of relations with Italy and the Spanish and Mediterranean problems.

The talks continued until 4.45 when they were adjourned till to-day.

Shortly afterwards, M. Edouard Daladier (French Premier), M. Georges Bonnet (French Foreign Minister) and M. Charles Corbin (French Ambassador in London) left for Windsor Castle to dine with the King. They remained at the Castle overnight.

FULL AGREEMENT

An official statement issued after the adjournment said the conversations had produced full agreement on all points discussed.

It is understood that the British and French Ministers reached complete accord on the vital question of co-ordination of supplies, food-stuffs and raw materials essential in wartime.

According to one report, the agreement includes arrangements for use by the British Air Force of advanced bases in France.

Other questions discussed yesterday were Spain, the Mediterranean, British and French relations with Italy and Italy's conquest of Abyssinia.

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

The critical question of Czecho-Slovakia and Central Europe have not yet been reached, and will occupy the major portion of to-day's talks.

Meanwhile, M. Georges Bonnet, in an interview with a French journalist at the close of yesterday's talks, intimated that the situation in the Far East would not be dealt with until to-day.—Reuter.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

A communique issued this evening states: "The French Ministers, Monsieur Daladier and Monsieur Georges Bonnet, who were accompanied by Monsieur Corbin, the French Ambassador, met the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary this morning at No. 10, Downing Street at 10.30 and the conversations proceeded with the usual break for lunch until 4.45 p.m.

Full agreement was reached on all points discussed and the meeting

will be resumed to-morrow morning at 10.30."

It is understood that included in the subjects discussed by the statesmen of the two countries was the Anglo-Italian Agreement on the conclusion of which the French Ministers congratulated Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax, besides giving some account of the prospects of the Franco-Italian conversations.

Procedure at the forthcoming meeting of the League Council at which clarification of the situation arising out of the Italian conquest of Ethiopia will be considered on British initiative, was another matter on which views were exchanged.

SPAIN DISCUSSED

Preliminary discussion of the situation in Spain, took place and will be resumed to-day. Last evening the French Ministers were the guests of the King and Queen at Windsor Castle. Lord Halifax was also at Windsor. The Ministers and officials taking part in the discussions on the British side were the Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary, Sir Alexander Cadogan (Permanent Secretary of the Foreign Office), Sir Robert Vansittart (Chief Diplomatic Adviser), Sir Orme Sargent (Assistant Under Secretary of State) and Mr. W. Strang and Mr. W. St. C. Roberts, heads of the Central and Western Departments at the Foreign Office.

The French Prime Minister told newspapermen before proceeding to Windsor that the conversations had been most cordial and full accord had been reached on all important points.—British Wireless.

HAROLD BUTLER TO RESIGN

Geneva, To-day.

Mr. Harold Butler, Director of the International Labour Office, has notified his intention of resigning at the end of the year.

It is understood that Mr. Butler has received the offer of a post at the new Research College at Oxford, created by Lord Nuffield's donations to the University.—Reuter.

PORTUGAL RECOGNISES FRANCO

Lisbon, To-day.

The Portuguese Premier announced yesterday that the Portuguese Government intends to recognise General Franco's regime in Spain as the Government of that country.—Reuter.

COMMUNISTS DEMANDS FOR SPAIN

PARIS, TO-DAY.

LEADERS OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY MET YESTERDAY TO DISCUSS THE LONDON TALKS, FROM WHICH, ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT ISSUED TO THE PRESS, "THE PEACE AND FUTURE OF EUROPE NOW LARGELY DEPEND."

The executive committee of the French Communist Party has again protested against what it calls the "criminal non-intervention policy which is victimising the Spanish Republic."

French interests, says the Party, demand the restoration of unrestricted trade with Republican Spain.

The Party will celebrate May Day this year with the Trades Unions, says the statement, which adds that the Social Democrats are being ap-

CAREFUL ATTENTION AND FIRM ATTITUDE

Paris, To-day.

The Franco-British talks in London are the chief topic of discussion here, and the press reports in detail all phases of the visit of the French Ministers to the British capital.

The Right Wing paper "Liberte" stresses the "significant fact" that King George invited the French Ministers to spend the night at Windsor Castle.

The paper says the two Governments are agreed that the Central European situation demands careful attention and a firm attitude, and that the Spanish question must be dealt with in a prudent and realistic manner.—Trans-Ocean.

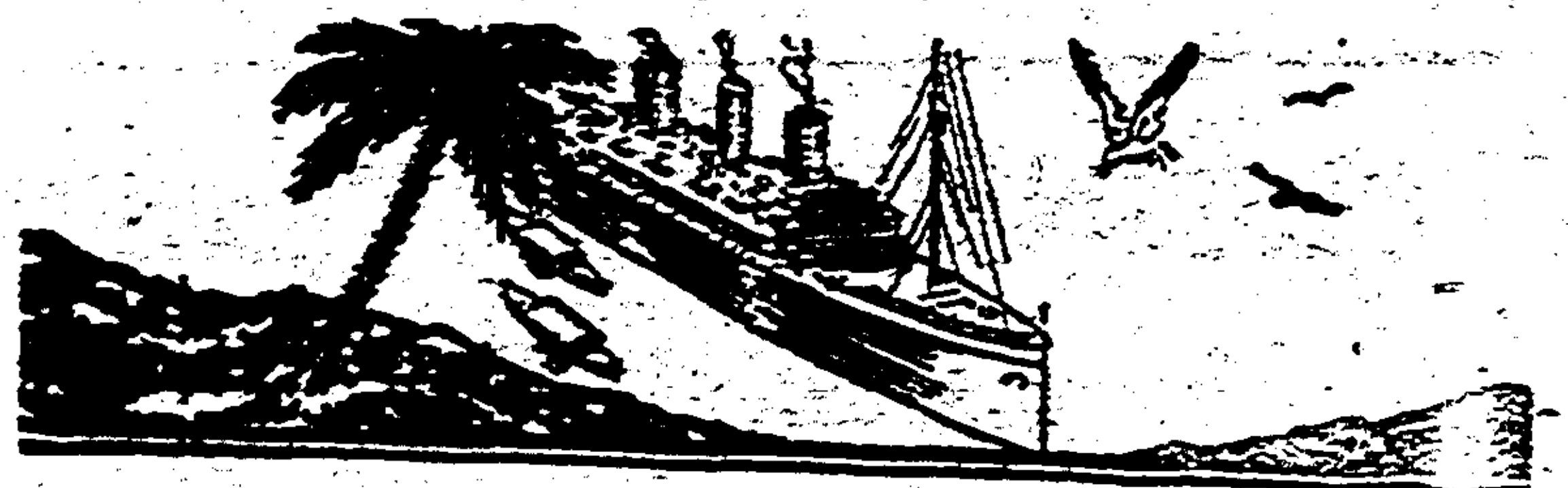
MORE ITALIAN WOUNDED

Rome, To-day.

The Italian hospital ship "Gradiaca" has arrived in Naples with over 300 sick and wounded Italians from Spain.

A crowd of several thousand welcomed the returned fighters, who included 16 officers and 40 non-commissioned officers.—Trans-Ocean.

proached in an endeavour to form a unity party of the working classes.—Trans-Ocean.



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How Czechoslovakia Won Its Nationhood

Historic Rights And The Minority Grievances

CZECHOSLOVAKIA, even after an existence of 20 years, is still apt to make on the minds of many Englishmen a confused and perhaps not altogether favourable impression. The very name itself has an unfamiliar and suspiciously artificial ring; on the map the country looks like a huge ox tongue sprawling fantastically across half the Continent; and report tells of teeming national minorities which suggest a structure as "ramshackle" as the Austria-Hungary from which it was carved.

Such an impression is, in the main, unjust, and it is certainly a most inadequate basis for a balanced judgment of the grave international problems now centring on Czechoslovakia.

To begin with the name. In the anglicised form of "Czechoslovakia" it no doubt impinged on English ears for the first time after the War. But in the original "Československo" was first used as long ago as 1839 to embody a political aspiration, which was thenceforward pursued until its ultimate realisation in 1918.

LONG-HELD TERRITORY

The roots of this aspiration struck deep down into the subsoil of history. Czech and Slovak, though long divided by fate, are a single race, the advance guard of the great Slav invasion which swept into Europe about the fifth and sixth centuries A. D. For close on a millennium and a half they have occupied without a break the territory which is their present home.

Upon the Slovaks there fell, in 1031, the mischance of conquest by the Magyars, under whose domination they remained for 887 years. The silent tenacity with which this small folk preserved their national characteristics, including their lan-

guage, through all those centuries of alien rule may be accounted a good enough title-deed to their new independence.

The Czechs were more fortunate. Throughout the Middle Ages, and for some time after, Bohemia, with its fief Moravia, was a kingdom which played a role of considerable—sometimes paramount—importance in the affairs of Europe. It furnished two Holy Roman Emperors, Charles IV. and Wenceslas, who for 50 years made Prague the capital of the Empire. With the foundation in 1348 of Prague University it gave the Empire its earliest seat learning, and in the subsequent century, under the ægis of men like Hus, Zizka and George of Poděbrad, the Czechs took a pioneering part in the religious developments which foreshadowed the Reformation.

In 1620 a single unfortunate battle abolished the separate political existence of the Czechs. It could not abolish the toughness of fibre which was to survive intact three centuries of submergence and suppression. By the well-directed and energetic propaganda with which they brought the nationality problem to the front during the War, by their systematic desertion from the Austrian armies, and by the epic "anabasis" of their legions across Siberia, the Czechs made a by no means negligible and certainly valiant contribution to the victory of the Allies.

DRAWING THE FRONTIERS

The brief recital of these historical facts, now sometimes forgotten, abundantly attests that Czechoslovakia is no mushroom growth born of any perverse stupidity on the part of the peacemakers.

On the contrary, in the Czechoslovak nation the peacemakers were

confronted with a political and cultural entity for which they were bound, on realistic as well as idealistic grounds, to find a distinctive place in the new Europe. Whether they performed their task with all the wisdom that has been learned after the event is a matter on which there may be more than one opinion. But the problem itself was of a complexity that might well have defied successful solution by any statesmanship, however disinterested and far-seeing.

Every independent State aspires, as far as may be, to "natural" frontiers, frontiers which are easily capable of defence. It so happens that nature has provided the historic lands of Bohemia and Moravia with the most desirable of all land frontiers; that is to say, an almost complete ring of hills high enough to form a rampart, yet liberally intersected with passes to form high-ways. Unhappily for the work of peace-making this ring is occupied, along practically the entire length, by compact masses of Germans, hereditary enemies of the Czechs. What was to be done?

To give Germany and Austria the command of the hills would be to put the Czechs directly at the mercy

of the Teutonic colossus. To retain the hills for the Czechs would be to give them a strategic bulwark at the risk of a permanent feud with their encircling neighbour. For good or for ill the peacemakers chose the second as the lesser of two evils. With some small exceptions they left intact the political boundaries which have enclosed Bohemia and Moravia for countless centuries, and in the result they created a State containing one German for every three Czechoslovaks.

They did not, however, neglect to provide substantial safeguards for the protection of the German and other minorities, the terms of which are laid down in a special treaty signed at St. Germain. Article 8 of this treaty requires that "Czechoslovak nationals who belong to racial, religious or linguistic minorities shall enjoy the same treatment and security in law and in fact as other Czechoslovak nationals."

It is beyond challenge that in the observance of these obligations and in the treatment of her racial minorities, Czechoslovakia has compared very favourably with any other country in Europe. The Sudeten Germans (so-called after the mountain range skirting the north-east border of Bohemia and the north of Moravia) have always enjoyed, and continue to enjoy, for an example, a liberty of the spoken and written word rare at any time, and now elsewhere all but extinct east of the Rhine. And it is significant of the relations between Czech and German that, for the past dozen years, two or three German Ministers have been included in every Government.

—BY—
J. C. JOHNSTONE

But it is also undeniable that the Germans labour under the sense of many grievances. They complain of the importation of Czech officials

into purely German districts, of the priority given to the Czech language in German districts (railway station names, for example, are written first in Czech, then in German), of favouritism towards Czech firms in the allocation of Government contracts, of inequality in the appointment of officials, especially to the higher posts, of the greater solicitude shown in providing educational facilities for Czechs in areas where the Czechs are in a minority, and so on and so forth.

Some of their complaints may be exaggerated, but that there is substance in them is proclaimed by the steps which the Czechs are now taking for their redress. An overriding grievance of the Sudeten Germans, however, is that they are accounted a minority at all. They say that their numerical strength and geographical compactness entitle them to an equal partnership in the racial foundations of the State on the Swiss model, and they permanently resent the fact that they received no share in the drafting of the Constitution. In fine, their ulterior demand is for racial equality with complete autonomy in local administration.

To this the Czechs have always replied, if not in so many words, that, except under the pressure of political necessity, the loyalty of the Germans to the State is inherently suspect, and that to concede the demands just outlined would be to roll the dice as surely as if the Sudeten Germans had been incorporated in the Reich in the first instance. In addition, they cling passionately to the conception of a State founded on their own nationality as its vital principle.

PREMIER HAS BUSY DAY

LONDON, TO-DAY. CONTRARY TO EXPECTATIONS, THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, DID NOT SPEND THURSDAY NIGHT ALONG WITH THE FRENCH GUESTS AT WINDSOR CASTLE.

Mr. Chamberlain was compelled by his parliamentary duties to remain in London.

Late last evening it was intimated that the French Premier would probably return to Paris to-day in order to get out his financial and economic programme.

The French Foreign Minister will most likely remain in London until Saturday.

It is believed he will discuss with City circles the question of the French desire for financial assistance.—Trans-Ocean.

FIREWORKS IN COMMONS?

London, To-day. Two recent agreements, the outcome of the Government's policy of general appeasement will be discussed in the Commons next week. On Monday there will be debate on the motion to approve the Anglo-Italian Agreement and on Thursday, the House will take the second reading of the Eire (Confirmation of Agreement) Bill.—British Wireless.

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BRITAIN & CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

Mr. Chamberlain Ready To Act As Mediator

POSITION HELD TO BE DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF FRANCE

London, To-day.

It is already evident that France is in a totally different position from Britain as regards Czecho-Slovakia.

France, it is pointed out by British commentators, has associated herself to a far greater extent with the fate of Czecho-Slovakia, not only by direct alliance but through her pact with the Soviet.

The only thing Britain could do, according to the general trend of opinion in London, in the event of affairs taking a critical turn, would be to keep in close touch with France and Czecho-Slovakia by which everything would depend upon the nature of the actual situation.

It is believed that Mr. Neville Chamberlain, informed the French statesmen of this British attitude in yesterday's Anglo-French talks.

BRITAIN AS MEDIATOR

Britain, it is argued here, is primarily compelled by circumstances to act the part of mediator in the Czecho-Slovakian question.

It is believed, however, that the French Premier is keen on returning to Paris with concrete British assurances in the matter of Czecho-Slovakia.

Konrad Henlein's speech at Karlsbad has, it is felt here, confronted the Prague Government with the necessity of "replying in a concrete way to the radical demands of the Sudeten German Party, supported by Berlin."

As regards the possibility of closer military co-operation between Britain and France, press reports that in the next eight or ten days, British navy, army and air force officers will proceed to Paris for discussions with the French General Staff, are described in reliable quarters as greatly exaggerated.—Trans-Ocean.

AUGUST WILHELM IN BELGRADE

Belgrade, To-day.

Prince August Wilhelm of Prussia, who holds high rank in the Nazi Party, arrived by Belgrade by air yesterday.

He will spend several days in the Yugo-Slav capital and will join in the May Day celebrations of the German colony here.—Trans-Ocean.

VERY SERIOUS DANGER OF WAR

Paris, To-day.

"Le Temps" understands that the Czecho-Slovakian Government has sent document to London or the Anglo-French talks indicating the extent to which she is preparing to go to meet Konrad Henlein's demands for the German minority.

OTTAWA AGREEMENT REVISION BEING SOUGHT BY AUSTRALIAN MISSION

London, To-day.

With the primary object of discussing with the British Government, revision of the Ottawa Agreement, a deputation from the Australian Government, led by Sir Earle Page, Deputy Premier, arrived in London yesterday.

Interviewed by Reuter, Sir Earle Page said:

"What we desire in the coming discussions is an agreement which retains features advantageous to opportunities for negotiating satisfactory trade agreements with other countries as well."

Sir Earle referred to Australia's desire to assist in Imperial Defence, and her interest in the development of Empire communications.

OVERSEAS SHIPPING

"We are hoping for greater improvements in overseas shipping services, especially in the Pacific," he declared.

Prominent point in the negotiations would be encouragement of greater investment of British capital in Australia, so that the Commonwealth might have not only migration of British people but migration of British industry.—Reuter.

STATION GREETING

London, To-day.

Three Australian Ministers, Sir Earle Page, Mr. R. G. Menzies and Mr. Thomas White arrived in London yesterday. They were met by the Australian High Commissioner and by the Dominions Secretary and Lord Hartington and Earl De La Warr, representing the British Government, and Sir Howard Degville, Secretary of the Empire Parliamentary Association.—British Wireless.

The document also indicates how far Prague thinks the Nazis are prepared to press their campaign, and states what Czecho-Slovakia expects of her allies.

"Le Temps" adds that the document speaks of the "very serious danger of war."—Reuter.

AMERICA AND NEW GOERING DECREE

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Sumner Welles, Assistant Secretary of State, declared yesterday that the United States Government is very urgently considering the possible effects upon the interests of American Jews of Field-Marshal Goering's decree regarding property.

Mr. Hugh Wilson, the Ambassador in Berlin, he added, is reporting fully on the decree.—Reuter.

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN ORGANISATION OF INDIA ARMY

Simla, To-day.

The following changes in the organisation of certain military commands and districts in India, recently approved, will take place in October and November, and are confidently expected to result in increased efficiency of the Army and an annual saving of expenditure in peace time.

The Western Command will be abolished and replaced by a Western District, with Headquarters at Quetta.

It will comprise the same area for which the Western Command at present is responsible, and will include the Sind Brigade, which will lose its present independent status.

COVERING TROOPS

Three brigades of covering troops will be formed in the new district, with a task similar to that of the covering troops in the North-West Frontier Province.

The present Lucknow Brigade second class district will be made a first class district, and will include the 6th (Lucknow), 8th (Bareilly) and 9th (Jhansi) Infantry Brigades and the Allahabad Brigade area.

Responsibility for mobilisation of a third Indian Division will be transferred from the Meerut district to this district.

DELHI BRIGADE

The Meerut first class division will become a second class district, and in future will include the 3rd (Meerut) Cavalry Brigade and the 7th (Dehra Dun) Infantry Brigade, while the Delhi Brigade area will lose its independent status.—Reuter.



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JAPANESE FACED BY SERIOUS HANDICAPS

Hankow, To-day.

The Chinese spokesman told Reuter that due to destruction of railways and highways, by Chinese guerrillas, it is estimated that about two-thirds of the Japanese reinforcements in south Shantung had been forced to march from Tsinanfu to the designated positions, while only one-third went by train.

After months of fighting on other fronts and the march to south Shantung, the fighting strength of the Japanese forces was greatly reduced.

The Chinese troops, however, which participated in the Taierschwang battle, were immediately transferred to the rear for a rest and reorganisation, and the Chinese command is using only fresh troops in the present battle.—Reuter.

FOREIGNERS IN TOKYO

Tokyo, To-day.

A police report states that since the beginning of hostilities between Japan and China, the Chinese population has been steadily decreasing, while the Italian community has increased.

There are 7,358 foreigners in the capital.—Our Own Correspondent.

Mrs. Boyd, of the Little Shoppe, Gloucester Arcade, has reported the loss of a hand bag containing money to the value of \$145.



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HOUSING

There are many varieties of opinion in Britain as to the methods which should be pursued in providing houses for the working classes, and there is no domestic question which evokes more eager debate in the House of Commons. But in the main this is not a party question. For nearly twenty years members of all parties have vied with one another in seeking to promote a forward policy. The result is still far from being all that it should be, but it is remarkable. Three and a half million houses have been built in England and Wales since the World War, a figure unapproached by any other country in proportion to the population. The speed has been increased during recent years through the efforts of the Government to promote slum clearance and to eliminate overcrowding.

But there is one important field of progress for the housing reformer in which up to now too little has been done. The needs of the agricultural worker are still acute. Workers on the land are poorly paid. The low-rented houses in which they have been living are in many cases falling into decay, and without exceptional assistance it is impossible to provide houses at a rent which they can afford to pay. Though there is an increasing demand for labour on the land the steady drift of population from the country to the towns continues, and to no small extent this is due to the difficulties of getting cheap habitable houses.

To this question, then, the Government, having attacked the problems of the slums and overcrowding, is now giving its attention. In one sense, it is much the same problem as that facing Hong Kong's housing commission who are still, after nearly three years, studying the housing of the under-privileged at economic rents, i.e. rents they can afford to pay.

This problem of providing appropriate dwellings for a special type of person presents peculiar difficulties. They should be near the workers' work, but also near the market. They must be cheap. In the English countryside, too, they must not be unsightly—at this moment when so many people are crying out against the desecration of the English countryside it is of the greatest importance that new building schemes should not contribute to the spread of ugliness in beautiful places.

Fortunately the department responsible for housing in Britain—the Ministry of Health—is

alive to the importance of these aspects of the question and by its control of subsidies can bring pressure to bear on the local authorities and the private builders. It may eventually be found in Hong Kong that the subsidy is a valuable and efficient instrument.

Berlin-Bagdad Revival

One of the nightmares which spoiled British statesmen's repose before the World War has been resurrected and refurbished. Fears that German efforts to connect Berlin and Bagdad by rail would lead to German domination of the Danube basin and undermine British influence in the Near East were undoubtedly exaggerated. But much can be done with an alliterative phrase and fear-fed imagination. Much will be done with the new Berlin-Bagdad bugaboo. Already a threat to Great Britain is seen in the taking over of Austria's "Danubian fleet" and Chancellor Hitler's plans for creating a German "war fleet" on the Danube. Austria's fleet consists of one "watchboat" with a cannon and six motorboats armed with machine guns. And already the headlines talk of "turning the British Navy's flank." What submarines and other craft might do if built and if able to get down the Danube, through the Black Sea and into the Mediterranean without being bombed might well be left to the calculations of naval experts. But so long as civilians enjoy being scared it won't.

Nor will the small fact that the German Navy is limited to 35 per cent. that of Britain interfere with new nightmares. But the practical value of a German fleet on the Danube will be chiefly in extending visible evidence of German power through all the countries that touch the great river. The real flanking of Britain will be the extension of German economic dominion through the Danube region. That may be slightly assisted by a war fleet, but it will depend much more on real skill and service in trade. The project for a Berlin-Bagdad air line with passenger service is probably more important than naval plans—except for the manufacture of nightmares.

School Stories

It is the runner-up that provides the difficulty. That, at least is how it seems to those people in London who are currently filling the newspaper columns with discussions about which are the best school stories in the world. Concerning the first on the list, no one appears to have any doubt whatever. "Tom Brown's School-days," by Thomas Hughes, is nearly a century old, but it still gets all the loudest cheers. It is with the second choice that disagreement enters. Mr. H. A. Vachell's "The Hill," Dean Farrar's "Eric," Kipling's "Stalky and Co." each obtain votes. One selector suddenly recalls the United States and nominates "Tom Sawyer." But none gets a decisive majority.

If the views of Sir Frank Fletcher, formerly Headmaster of Charterhouse, one of the most famous of English schools, are correct, there really should be no discussion at all. For Sir Frank thinks that, in the nature of things, a good school story is impossible to write. The argument for this thesis is that childhood lacks those exciting crises which are the making of a novel.

MILLION AND HALF TROOPS NOW MASSED

Biggest Concentrations In Sino-Japanese War

CHINESE COMPLETELY CONFIDENT

Hankow, To-day.

In an interview with Reuter yesterday, the Chinese military spokesman expressed complete confidence in the ability of the Chinese forces to repulse the present Japanese drive in south Shantung, expressing the opinion that the outcome of the battle will be determined within five days.

The spokesman declared that in the Taierschwang battle the Chinese forces had now again surrounded the Japanese.

The Chinese had succeeded at Taierschwang, in a small limited area, to make the encirclement possible.

Secondly, destruction of Japanese communications in the rear made reinforcements and supplies impossible.

AND EXHAUSTED

Thirdly, they outnumbered the Japanese, making it possible for the Chinese to concentrate powerful units at strategic points, thereby making it very difficult for the Japanese to break the Chinese cordon.

In the present Shantung battle, he said, the Japanese were employing encirclement, with the Chinese in the centre extending from Yihien, through Jihshien and Tancheng down south to Yenchen, Pengpu and Hwaiyuan, and south to Hsuehowfu.

Chinese reinforcements and supplies are free to reach any point within the encirclement, as communications behind the Chinese lines are intact.

JAPANESE OUTNUMBERED

The Chinese forces had received heavy reinforcements, enabling them to break the Japanese cordon at any point they choose. In addition, the Japanese troops in Shantung were completely exhausted.

The recent unsuccessful Japanese attacks showed that the Japanese attacking strength was practically spent. This was due to the fact that the Japanese had commenced the offensive before having in opportunity to rest after their tireless journey from other fronts.—Reuter.

DEADLOCK PREVAILS

The situation in south Shantung is unchanged, in spite of Japanese attacks in the areas north and north-east of Taierschwang, according to a Chinese communique.

The communique adds that the Chinese lines at Nikou and Huangchwang were attacked three times on Wednesday night, but all attacks were repulsed. Japanese losses

Primary Japanese Aim Already Defeated

Chengchow, To-day.

More than 1,000,000 Chinese and 500,000 Japanese troops are now assembled on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway front, according to neutral military observers, who point out that this is the greatest massing of troops concentrated on any front in the Sino-Japanese conflict.

It is still uncertain, however, when the offensive which the Chinese apparently intend to launch on this front, will begin.

At present both sides are still marshalling fresh troops and massing war material in this sector.

The Japanese forces consist mostly of units taken from garrisons in the provinces of Shansi and Hopei, which have thus partially been denuded of Japanese troops, while the Chinese forces operating in the two provinces mentioned, composed of regulars as well as irregulars still retain their full strength.

The Chinese positions south of Hanchwang, which the Japanese have unsuccessfully attacked during the last few days, are said to be exceptionally strong.

FLANK ATTACKS

Since the Japanese attempts to capture these positions by frontal attack were frustrated by the stubborn Chinese resistance, military observers are inclined to believe that the Japanese will now launch attacks from the east as well as the west against the flanks of the Chinese forces concentrated along the railway, in an effort to compel these forces to evacuate their strong positions.

From the east, such an attack would probably be launched from the Linyi sector, south past the town of Pihshien to the Lunghai Railway, and from the west, from the Japanese positions near Lanfang.

MECHANISED UNITS

To assure the success of such attacks against the Chinese flank, Japanese mechanised units stationed at Lanfang must break through the Hsuechow-Linyi line, 150 kilometres from the starting point at Lanfang.—Trans-Ocean.

ses are estimated at 900, and the situation has resulted in a deadlock.

CHINESE MOVING UP

In the areas north-east of Taierschwang the Japanese are attacking Lienfanshan, north of Pihshien, without appreciable gains.

One thousand Japanese are holding Kwantimiao and about 3,000 are holding Matouchen. Chinese detachments are moving up to attack the Japanese positions there.—Reuter.

SUDDEN DEATH OF DR. HO SAI-CHUEN

The death occurred at the French Hospital in the early hours of this morning, after a brief illness, of Dr. Ho Sai-chuen, one of the sons of the late Mr. Ho Fook and a nephew of Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. Ho Kom-fong.

The late Dr. Ho burst a blood vessel at his office on Wednesday, collapsed later with cerebral haemorrhage, and little hope had been held out for his recovery. He was about 47 years of age.

He recently returned from the war front after some months in charge of a Chinese military medical unit and performing a valuable service behind the lines in the Shanghai hostilities.

It may be recalled that he was prominently connected, by the accident of his being one of the first on the scene, with the famous Village Road Murder which led to the trial and conviction of Cheng Kwok-yau.

He was educated at King's College School, London, and St. John's College, Cambridge, where he graduated in medicine and surgery. He was for some time a member of the Sanitary Board, now the Urban Council.

The deepest sympathy will be felt with his mother, Mrs. Ho Fook, and his two brothers, Mr. Ho Wing and Mr. Ho Kwong.

BRITISH VISA REGULATIONS

London, To-day.

A question was asked in the House of Commons yesterday as to whether the Government would consider exempting from the necessity of obtaining a British visa, those persons who intended to visit Britain solely for business purposes.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, replied that an arrangement of this kind would be impossible in practice as the business reasons have to be examined in each individual case before entry to the United Kingdom can be allowed.—Trans-Ocean.

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Anti-Partition Disturbances In Palestine

Jerusalem, To-day.

Demonstrations which took place in Jerusalem after the arrival of the Partition Commission headed by Sir John Woodhead were followed by clashes between demonstrators and police in Jaffa and Haifa.

It appears that the Commission has modified its plans, and will not hold any session for the time being, but will get information first.

The Commission will make a number of tours through the country in order to get acquainted with prevailing conditions.

Tension has greatly increased in Jerusalem, and the Arab Grand Council has proclaimed a general strike for all Palestine, at the same time issuing a manifesto calling on Arabs to "obstruct the work of the Commission by boycott."—Trans-Ocean.

GENERAL VARELA KEEPS UP BID FOR VALENCIA

Saragossa, To-day.

Despite continued rainy weather, General Varela is pressing his attack in the attempt to control the plains north-west of Valencia.

Smashing their way through strong mountain positions, his troops succeeded in reaching the foothills of the Gudar Mountains, which together with the Pobo Mountains, further west, were enveloped practically the whole day in mist.

Bitter cold also prevailed the whole day.—Trans-Ocean.

CAIRO PROTEST

Cairo, To-day.

A group of Arabs peacefully demonstrated in the streets of Cairo and Alexandria yesterday. They were protesting against the partition of Palestine.

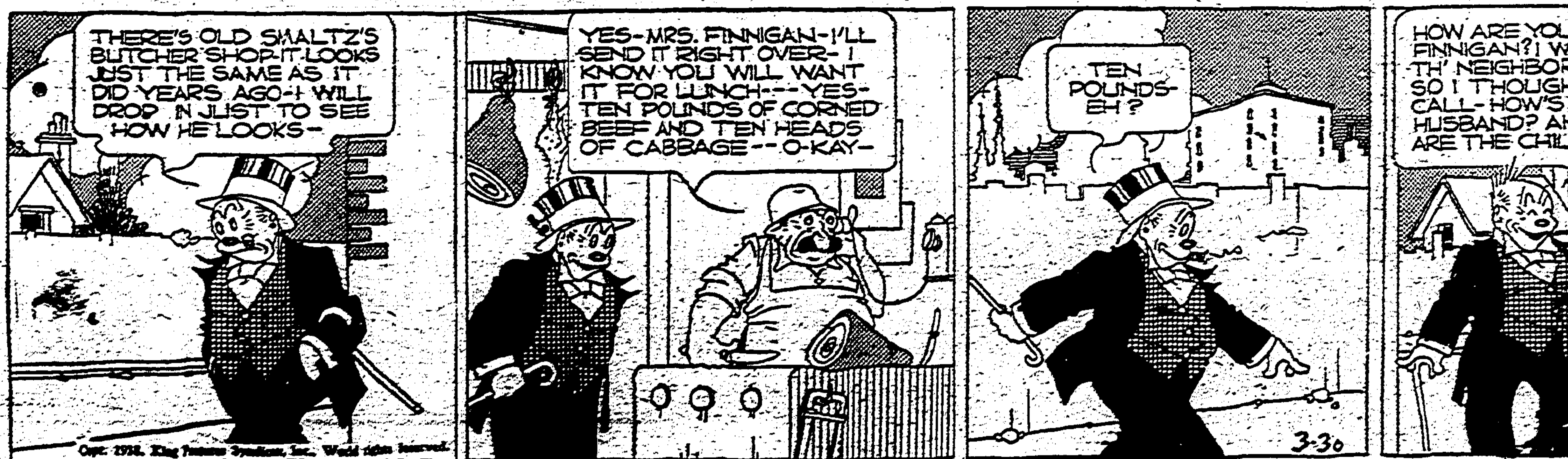
The demonstrators were students and priests of the famous Islamic University, and were later received by the Premier, Mahmoud Pasha, whom they asked to intervene in the Palestine problem.

It is declared that the question of Palestine will be brought up in Parliament.—Reuter and Trans-Ocean.



A queer old Chinese cannon is to be seen at the Tower of London Embankment. When "Bonzo Adair," a bulldog saw the cannon for the first time, he was greatly puzzled by the strange looking "animal". Photo shows—"Bonzo Adair" needed all his courage to even contemplate attacking this strange "animal". (Copyright).

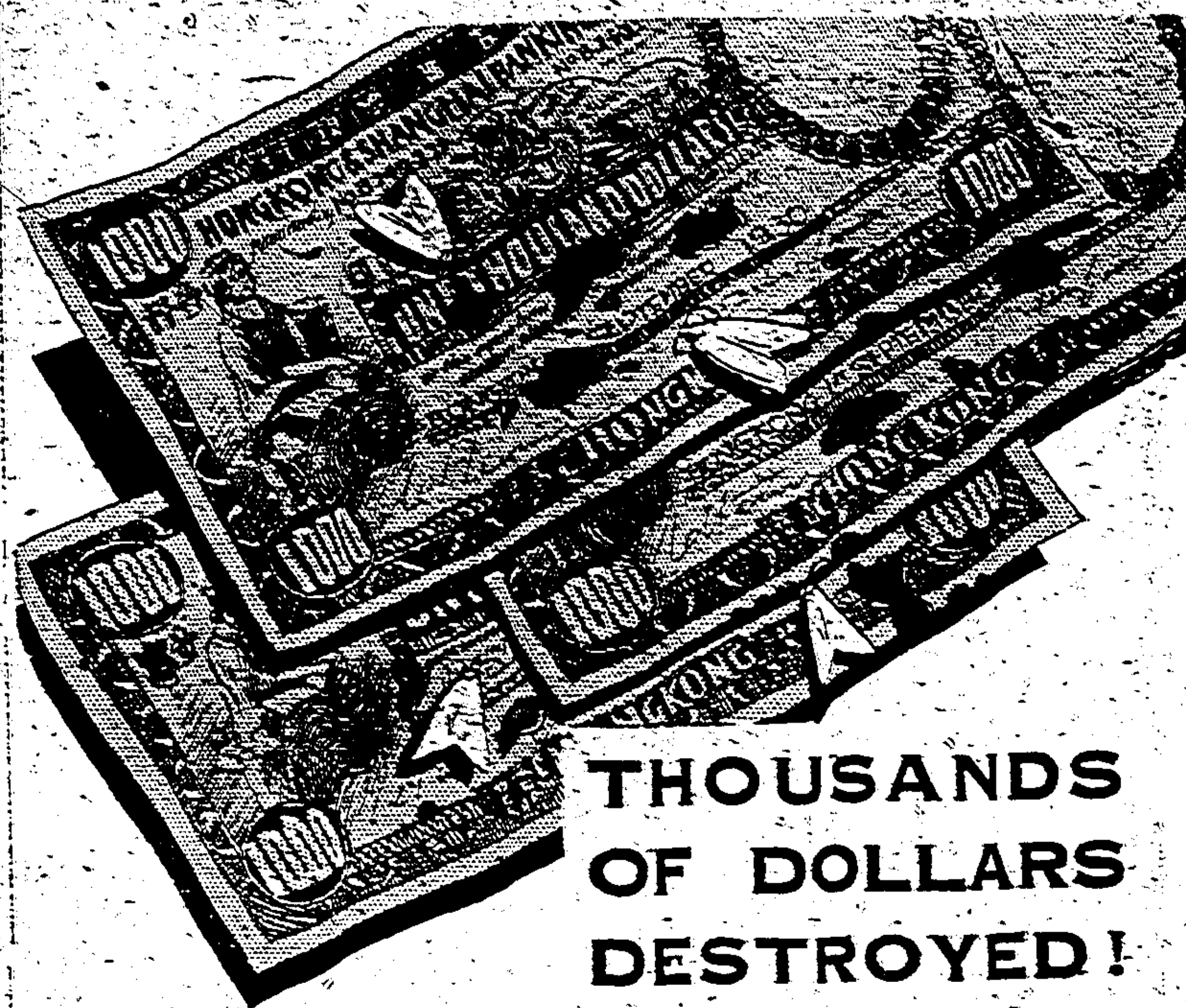
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By George



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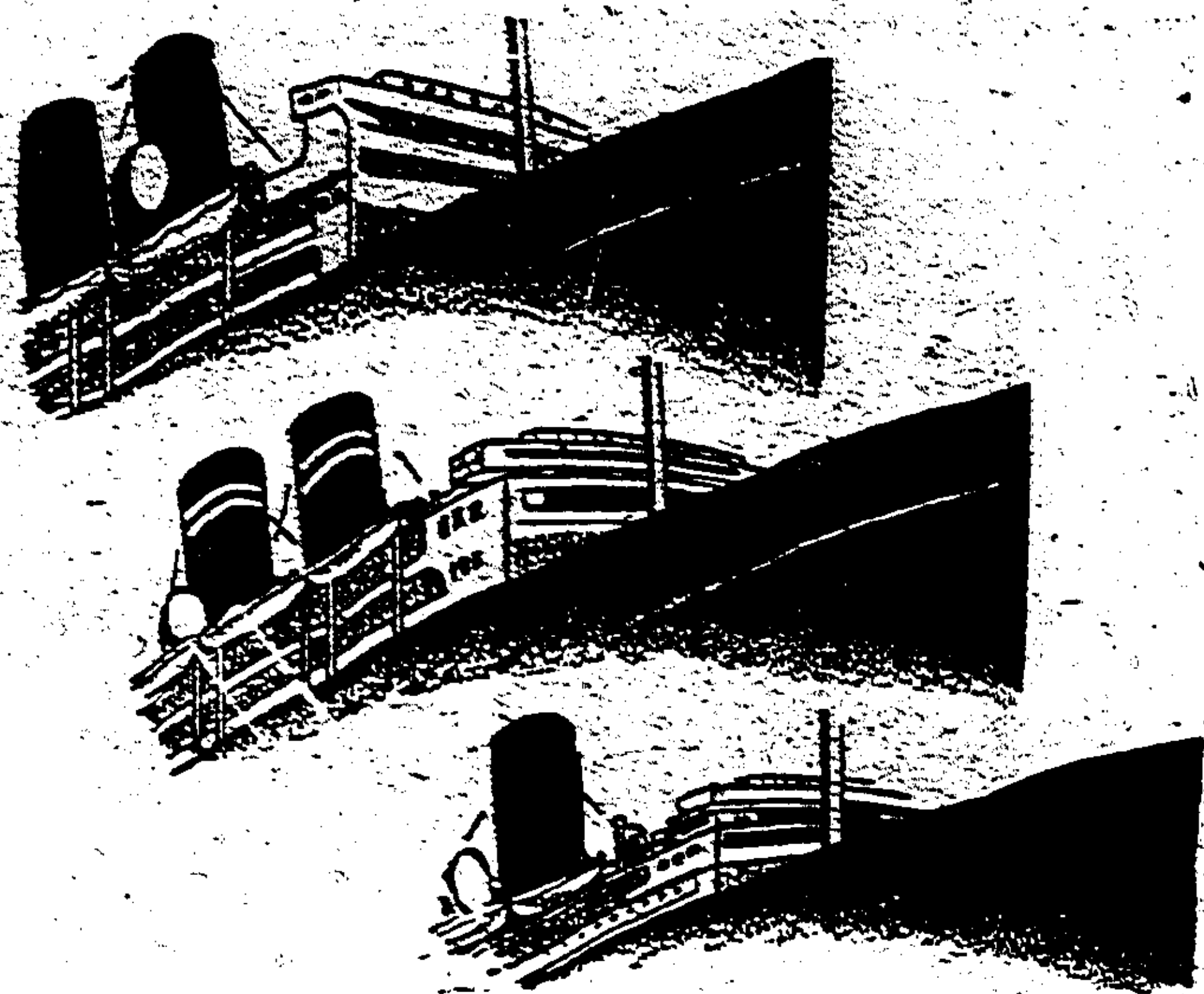
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Amoy	Tjisaroea	May 1.
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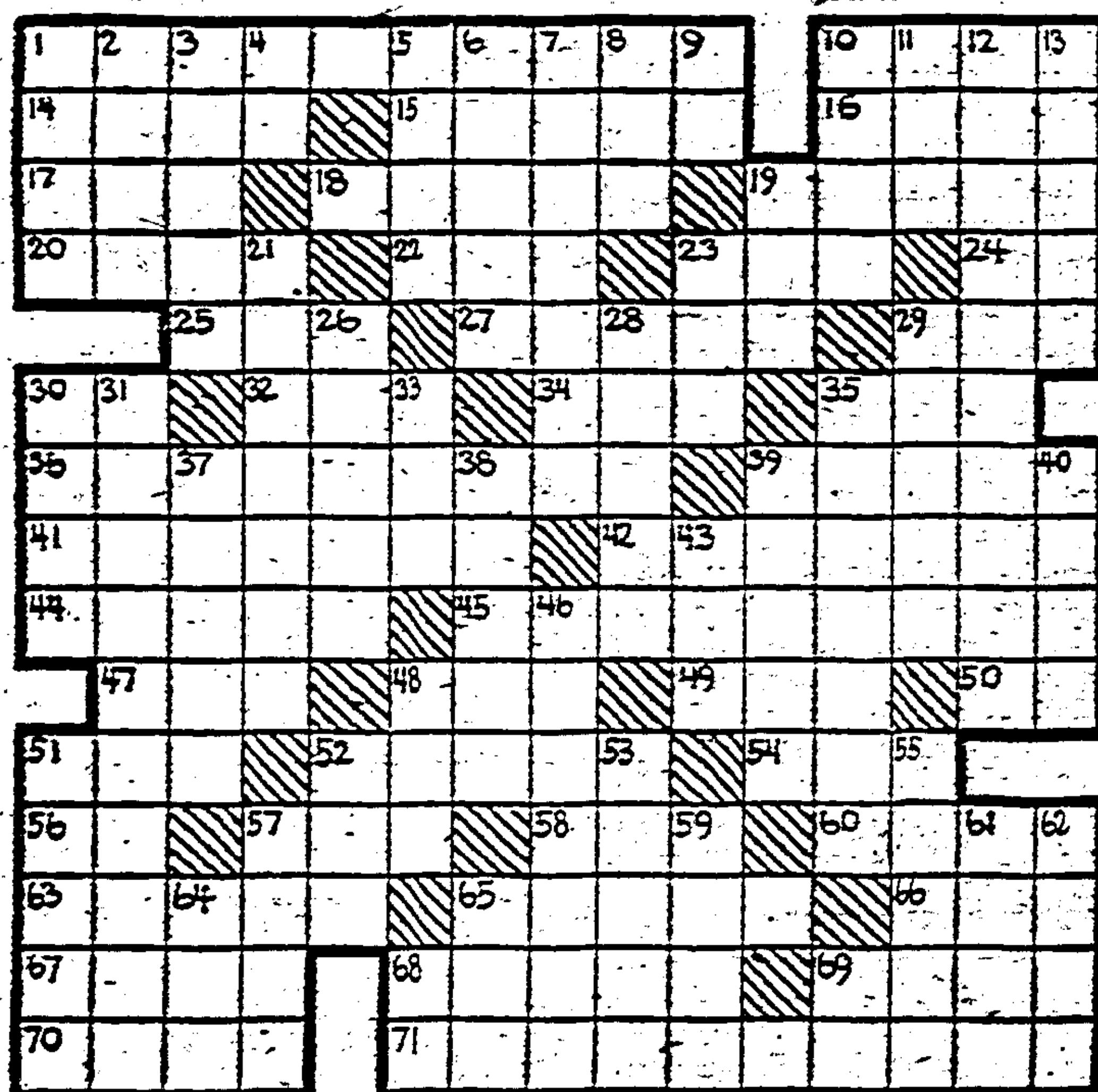
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HORIZONTAL

- 1-False
- 10-Narrow woven material
- 14-Capital of Norway
- 15-Obliterate
- 16-Mister (Ger.)
- 17-Diminutive suffix
- 18-A dish
- 19-Father (Lat.)
- 20-Set of workers
- 22-And others (Lat. abbr.)
- 28-Even (Contr.)
- 24-Act
- 25-Tear
- 27-English title (pl.)
- 29-Evergreen tree
- 30-Because
- 32-God of the sea (abbr.)
- 34-Young goat
- 35-Record (abbr.)
- 36-Parted
- 39-Girl's name
- 41-Toothed like a saw
- 42-To flow forth
- 44-Partaining to trees (Obs.)
- 46-Throttler
- 47-Place
- 48-Consumed
- 49-Sainte (abbr.)
- 50-A clerical degree (abbr.)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 51-Small spiced cake
- 52-Foundations
- 54-Metric land measure
- 56-Army corps (abbr.)
- 57-Atmosphere
- 58-Kitchen utensil
- 60-Place violently
- 63-Border
- 65-Weird
- 66-Open (Poet.)
- 67-Canvas shelter
- 68-Guide
- 69-Ajar
- 70-Eagles
- 71-Travelers

VERTICAL

- 1-Length measure
- 2-Island (Poet.)
- 3-Plain
- 4-Preposition
- 5-Combining form for
- 6-Wrathful
- 7-Cake of oatmeal
- 8-Employ
- 9-Pref. Apoc.
- 10-As compared with
- 11-Of age (Lat. abbr.)
- 12-Affirmed
- 13-Mistake
- 14-Foot-like organ

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 21-A slender tower
- 23-Old times (Poet.)
- 26-By the year (Lat. abbr.)
- 28-Horseman
- 29-Wild
- 30-Assistant (abbr.)
- 31-Wrinkled lines fabric
- 33-Small lump of butter
- 35-Rovers
- 37-Dress with the back
- 38-Examine
- 39-Patron saint of children
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BRITAIN'S AIR EXPANSION PROGRAMME

London, To-day.

Asked in the Commons for an assurance that the aircraft expansion programme was progressing satisfactorily, according to schedule, and that deliveries were not in arrears, the Under-Secretary for Air answered: "As explained in the memorandum accompanying this year's air estimates, the production of air frames was slower in the earlier stages than had been hoped when the programme was planned.

Deliveries are now proceeding according to plan. As stated by the Chancellor of the Duchy on Tuesday, the scale on which factories had been extended and laid out and large scale orders placed, make it possible, given the additional labour required, to secure a greatly increased output which will provide not only for the existing programme but for further expansion and the acceleration which has now been approved. — British Wireless.

WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reports that the ridge of high pressure is stationary between the lower Yangtze and the Pacific to the east of the Bonins.

The depression has moved to the north of Hokkaido and another depression is indicated over the Visayas.

Local forecast: — N.E. winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

Mr. A.E.B. Nobbins, residing at Gloucester Hotel, has reported the loss of a typewriter, valued at \$150, from his room while Mrs. King, lost four £1 notes from her room in the same hotel.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning.

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1560 b., \$1550 sa.
 Hong Kong (Lon. Reg.) \$92 b.

Bank of East Asia \$88 b.

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Canton Ins. \$270 b.

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H. K. Tramways \$17.10 b., \$17.10/25 sa.

Peak Trams (Old) \$7 b.

Star Ferries \$86 b., \$86/6¼ sa.

China Lights (Old) \$12.10 b., \$12/- 12.15 sa.

China Lights (New) \$9.10 b.

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Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs H. B. Joseph and Co., have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

May/June 19½ b. down 1.
 July/Sept. 19½ b. down 1.
 Oct./Dec. 19¾ b. down 1.
 Market: Uncertain.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE

The German Consul General at Hong Kong will hold a reception in honour of the German National Day on Monday, May 2nd, at the German Club in 2, Connaught Road, fourth floor from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

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We have pleasure in announcing that Mr. B. A. Proulx has joined our firm as from April 28th 1938.
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The MAY RACE MEETING will be held at Area Preta, Macao, on SUNDAY, 1st May, 1938, commencing at 2.15 p.m.
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DEPRECIATION OF FRANC

London, To-day.
The Chancellor of the Exchequer, asked in the Commons whether any representations had been made by the Treasury to the French Government to prevent the further depreciation of the franc replied: "No, Sir, but as provided in the Tripartite Agreement between the United States, France and this country, there is constant contact between the three governments. In accordance with the practice under the agreement, M. Daladier was good enough to inform me in advance of the statement he made last Saturday." — British Wireless.

DELIBERATE AND CRUEL

After deliberating for 35 minutes, the Criminal Sessions jury yesterday found Lau Kwing-fai and Leung Kam-ki, guilty of the murder of Huen Kon-hing, one of the two brothers fatally shot in the Bay View cave.

In sentencing the two men to death, the Chief Justice commented that the crime was deliberate and cruel murder.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2-27/32.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London yesterday at 18-7/8 and forward at 18 11/16.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £-U.S.\$4.9875 and the New York on London rate at £-U.S.\$4.98%.

The Filipino Club is giving a tea-party and dance in honour of the Filipino visitors in the Colony at King's Park, Kowloon, on Sunday, commencing from 4.00 p.m. The arrangements are in the hands of Dr. V. N. Atienza and Messrs. F. Gonzales and L. R. Hdefonso.

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SUNDAY'S BIG EVENT WILL BE FOR GOVERNOR'S CUP

Satisfactory Number Of Entries Received

(By "RAPIER")

A special feature of the May Race Meeting of the Macao Race Club, to be held in Macao on Sunday, is the race for the Governor's Cup. This cup, which is most attractive in appearance, has been presented by His Excellency the Governor of Macao, and will be contested for by subscription griffins of the Macao Race Club.

Considerable interest and speculation has been aroused over this race, and in order to retain possession of the cup it must be won twice in succession by a pony or ponies belonging to the same owner or owners.

Very satisfactory entries have been received—in fact, quite the best in comparison with previous meetings—and the success of the Meeting is assured.

There are seven events on the programme, the last of which is reserved for lady riders.

THE COLOWAN HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS

Subscription griffins of the Macao Race Club that have not hitherto won a race will fight out the issue in this event, and it is expected that the following will face the starter:—

Country Flower (F. A. Sequeira), Gold Clause (M. N. Yeh), Hohenfels (C. L. Gregory), Merry Fatty (Peter Randolph), Merry Maker (A. W. Raymond), Morning Tip (K. I. Ip) and Rothersey Bay (S. C. Liang).

The best ponies in this bunch are Morning Tip and Merry Maker, with Hohenfels as the outsider.

At the last Meeting, Morning Tip came in second to Fairy Ousel, in the Hankow Handicap over nine furlongs, and, judging by that performance, it should account for this race. Merry Maker also had a second to its credit, when it was beaten by Fairy Auk in the Glory Handicap, which was a sprint event.

As Merry Maker is a fairly fast mover over a short distance, it may prove just a little too good for Morning Tip. I expect these two to fight out the finish, however, with Hohenfels taking third place.

THE PRAIA GRANDE HANDICAP: NINE FURLONGS

This race is confined to China ponies, subscription griffins of the Hong Kong Jockey Club which were purchased by the Macao Race Club on March 16, and I expect to see the following taking part:—

African Cat (L. B. Chao), Cloudy Star (K. I. Ip), Daddy Longlegs (W. N. Yeh), Double Up (S. W. Tang), Eagle (A. W. Raymond) and Mongolian Cat (S. C. Liang).

At the previous Meeting, African Cat won the Changsha Plate over one mile, and so has been penalised by 5 lbs, but as it was two lengths in front of Mongolian Cat at the finish, I think it will win again.

Mongolian Cat is expected to fill second place, and Eagle should not find much difficulty in taking the other minor position.

THE LAPPA HANDICAP: FIVE FURLONGS

"D" Class ponies, from the Valley, will figure in this race, and I don't think we need look further than the following to battle out the finish:—

Araxy (S. W. Tang), Election Time (A. W. Raymond), Final Triumph (W. G. Poy)

Gold Coin (S. C. Liang).

On the second day of the Easter Race Meeting, Gold Coin was strongly supported to win the race which went to Good Morning, but it failed dismally, and on account of that failure I cannot recommend it as winner in this event.

Final Triumph ran quite well to come in second to Salvage-Master, and it should be near at the finish, but Araxy is a fast mover over such a short distance and it will no doubt claim a good deal of support.

Election Time is again given top weight, which it is quite capable of carrying, and I think it will give the others a good run. The

VON CRAMM GIVEN 2-YEAR TERM?

Berlin, April 22.—It is rumoured here that Baron Gottfried von Cramm, the famous German Davis Cup player, has been sentenced to two years imprisonment for homosexuality.

The rumour is substantiated by the report that Herr von Metaxa, the Austrian tennis ace, has been offered a place in the German Davis Cup team this year, as a substitute for Baron von Cramm. It is believed that von Metaxa has accepted the offer.—(Havas).

finish should be a close affair, with any one of these three ponies capable of winning.

THE GOVERNOR'S CUP: ONE MILE

This is the main event of the Meeting. The following will probably start:—

Fairy Auk (L. B. Chao), Fairy Ousel (W. G. Poy), Hogmany (C. L. Gregory), Meadow Eve (S. W. Tang), Merry Doer (S. L. Yuen), Shanghai 4 (S. C. Liang), Shih Yin Grand (K. I. Ip), Victory Life (H. P. Chanson).

Judging from past performances, and under the experienced control of Mr. S. C. Liang, Shanghai 4 seems to be the logical winner of this important race.

This pony has proved itself superior in races before, and I fail to see how any of the other contenders can hope to defeat the champion Macao sub.

Shanghai 4 should win without much difficulty, but a good struggle for second position should emanate between Victory Life and Fairy Auk.

THE TAIPA HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS

This race is reserved for "E" Class China ponies of the Hong Kong Jockey Club and Macao subscription griffins of any season.

Because of its win in the Hang-yang Plate over one mile at the last Meeting, Stymie has to carry 7 lbs. more, and this extra burden may prove just a little too much.

In view of the short distance, Emergency Call seems to me a good bet for a win. It should turn the tables on Stymie, and for the third position either Racing Strain or Wenning may fill the gap.

THE PORTO CERCO HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS

Owners of Hong Kong subscription griffins that have not won a race are to settle the argument in this race, with the following as likely starters:—

Be Yourself (S. L. Yuen), Bestover (Ho Hong Ping), Cape Comorin (F. F. Li), Captain Blood (C. L. Gregory), Lancashire Chap (L. B. Chao) and National Dignity (H. P. Chanson).

I don't think we should look further than National Dignity for the winner, as it ran second to Dekko at the last Meeting in Hong Kong. Cape Comorin is the danger, but Be Yourself is also capable of creating an upset. At any rate, these three ponies are the best, with my preference going to National Dignity.

The Ladies' Race will wind up the programme, and as the ladies will be given ponies that have not won in the previous races, I can only recommend punters to take careful note of the ponies which will be ridden by Miss Fearon, and the Fair sisters. They are the best among the lady riders of this Colong, and one of them will probably win.

SMALL BALL SOCCER GAME TO-DAY

Large Crowd Expected

Due to the untiring efforts of Chinese Athletic Federation, the long-discussed small-ball charity soccer match between a team captained by Mr. Ma Tse-chan, well-known Chinese stage and screen star, and Mr. Sit Kok-sin's eleven will take place to-day at 5.30 p.m. at the Naval Recreation ground, Causeway Bay.

The admission fee will be from 20 cents to \$1.00.

If the weather is favourable there is a possibility that a very large crowd will witness the match, as all the players are of stage and screen fame.

The Tai Ping team, which has been in training for the past month, possess a very strong side and during their recent friendly matches have not lost a game. Mr. C. F. Yeun, proprietor of the Tai Ping Theatre, will occupy the centre-forward berth while Mr. Ma will captain his side personally.

Mr. Sit Kok-sin's eleven is equally strong and, judging from their display, they are in great form.

Mr. Lee Wai-tong, captain of the China World Olympic team, will perform the duties of referee, and before the commencement of the match Chinese actresses will entertain with a number of song hits. All the proceeds will be donated to the Chinese Red Cross.

The president of the local branch of the Chinese Red Cross will kick-off and Madame Hu Shih-ting, wife of the former Chinese Ambassador to Japan, who has donated two silver cups for the teams, will distribute the prizes at the conclusion of the match.

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"Lolly" Goldman Wins Club Championship

HIS EXPERIENCE AND COURTCRAFT TOO MUCH FOR W. SANDER

(By "ADREM")

L. Goldman beat W. Sander 6-2, 6-4, 6-1.

ALTHOUGH SANDER SHOWED PROMISE FAR BEYOND THE ORDINARY AND REVEALED A REPERTOIRE OF STROKES THAT AUGURS WELL FOR HIS FUTURE TENNIS CAREER, GOLDMAN'S VAST EXPERIENCE PROVED TOO MUCH FOR HIM AND HE WENT DOWN, ALBERT FIGHTING GALLANTLY, IN THREE STRAIGHT SETS BEFORE A MERE HANDFUL OF SPECTATORS.

On many occasions play was exceedingly interesting. Sander attacked consistently all the time and at one stage in the second set when he wiped off a two game deficit to lead 3-2, his concentrated severity appeared to have upset the normal rhythm of Goldman's game.

At this stage the former holder of the title was making innumerable errors as Sander had him running from corner to corner, while keeping him penned on the baseline with drives on both hands which were chipping up the chalk, of so fine a length were they.

CHANGED TACTICS

Goldman, however, although giving the impression of weariness, had lots of fight still left in him. He shortened his length and occasionally whipping across a sizzling crosscourt forehand drive, generally hitting the ball much earlier and giving his opponent far less time in which to make his strokes, once again assumed the ascendancy and thereafter produced his best form to sweep the gallant Sander off the court in the last set, which he took at 6-1 after leading 5-0.

Sander kept an excellent length with his driving throughout and put all the force he had behind all his strokes. Nevertheless, despite this energy, he made very little pace, either because of the top-spin he imparted or because of faulty timing, I couldn't quite make up my mind which it was.

PLAYER WITH FUTURE

He is undoubtedly a player who will make his mark here as he has all the other attributes of a champion.

Goldman was not as fast as of yore but his anticipation was a delight to watch. Very rarely did he give the impression of hurry and if he did make a number of errors which had no part in his game of a few years ago, that was probably due more to lack of practice than anything else.

F. J. PENNINK REACHES THE QUARTER-FINAL

English Amateur Golf Title

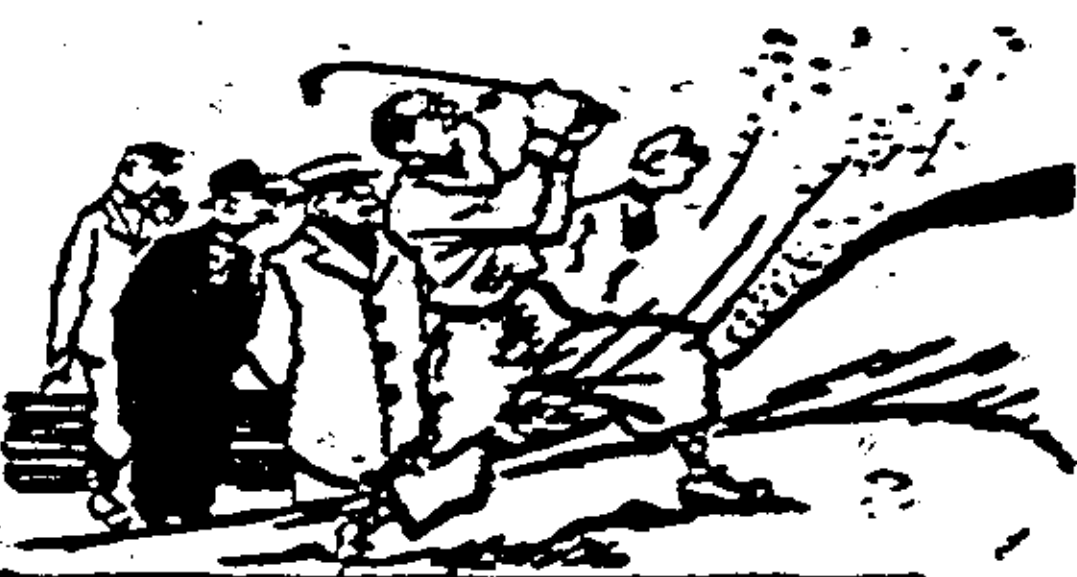
London, To-day.

F. J. Pennink, the holder, reached the quarter-finals of the English Amateur Golf Championship yesterday as a result of two matches at Mountdown. In the Fourth round he beat J. Wales, of Skipton, by 1 up, while J. Butler, of Halifax, beat Morris 7 and 6.

In the Fifth Round Pennink beat E. Haughton, of Leeds, by 8 and 6 and entered the quarter finals. Reuter.

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GOLF STARTING TIMES Sunday's Pairings At Fanling

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling next Sunday:

OLD COURSE

9.12 a.m.	P. M. Market, W. G. Robertson.
9.16 "	R. F. Clarke, D. H. Clark.
9.20 "	K. R. Quick, D. Lyon.
9.24 "	J. B. H. Leckie, L. H. Geare.
9.28 "	J. W. Mayhew, W. Hewitt.
9.32 "	L. R. Cramer, S. S. Church.
9.36 "	G. A. Pentreath, A. Murdoch.
9.40 "	G. D. N. Walker, R. G. Gray.
9.44 "	D. J. Gilmore, K. S. Morrison.
9.48 "	A. Sommerfelt, A. D. Humphreys.
9.52 "	T. E. and T. A. Pearce.
9.56 "	D. Humphreys, E. T. McMullen.
10.00 "	P. B. Havens, C. A. King.
10.04 "	F. Groves, D. S. Robb.
10.08 "	L. W. Lang, W. A. Weight.
10.12 "	L. J. Fielden, S. J. H. Fox.
10.32 "	H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.

NEW COURSE

9.20 "	G. C. Worrall, M. Summers.
10.32 "	Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.



K.F.C. BOWLS TEAM

The following will represent the Kowloon Football Club in their Third Division Lawn Bowls match against Craigengower at the Valley: W. Mackie, J. Dobson, S. Houghton and V. Chittenden (Skip). T. White, B. Hall, C. Tourney and W. Field (Skip). T. Lapsley, Dr. Smalley, R. Lapsley and J. Gibson (Skip).



Miss Mary Hardwick's first appearance in competitive singles was at the Rochampton tournament, which started on April 4. Above she is seen enjoying an energetic holiday in the New Forest, riding and chopping wood, before she began training in earnest for the tennis season. (Fox-Copyright).

NAVY'S KOTEWALL CUP TRIUMPH

ARMY BEATEN IN LAST GAME OF THE SERIES

PLAYING the best game this season, the Navy registered their first win yesterday, when they defeated the Army by 4 goals to 3 in the remaining game of the Kotewall Cup Competition, at Causeway Bay.

The Army were the superior team in the first half and had the Navy on the defence for a long time, but in the second-half, the Navy forwards settled down and were seen in many combined movements.

Woolford, in the Navy goal, gave a sound display and was well covered by the two backs, Lethbridge and Marriot. Dixon was a hard worker in the pivotal position and gave the Army forwards very little scope.

In the Army side, Watson and Sheehan worked hard at full-back, the former being prominent with this tackling and clearances.

The Army scored through Hos-sick early in the first half and Venning equalised for the sailors from a penalty through Watson.

In the second-half, Watson scored from a "spot" kick, but the Navy went ahead through Venning (2) and Cronin and before the end Grogan reduced the arrears for the Army.



R.A.M.C. THIRD DIVISION RUNNERS-UP

The Royal Army Medical Corps secured the runners-up title of the Third Division yesterday, when they drew with the 24th Battery, Royal Artillery, sharing four goals at Soekunpoo yesterday. The first game was won by the Medicals.

The Medicals had the better of the exchanges in the first half, and scored through Pym. In the second period, the Gunners drew level through Barlow, and before the end Russel netted for the Medicals and Atkins for the Artillery.

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PASCH FAVOURITE FOR DERBY

FIRST CALL-OVER

London, To-day.

Mr. Henry E. Morriss's Pasch winner of the Two Thousand Guineas, is favourite for the Derby in the latest call-over figures which are as follows:

Pasch 5 to 2 o.
Scottish Union 8 to 1.
Portmarnock 9 to 1 t and o.
Glen Loan 14 to 1 o.
Khan Bahadur 14 to 1 o, 100 t
6 t.
Ramtapa 100 to 6.
Pound Foolish 100 to 6.
Berwick 20 to 1 o.
Greenwich 20 to 1 o.

—Reuter.

PROBABLE STARTERS FOR TO-DAY'S 1,000 GUINEAS RACE

London, To-day.

The following is an amended list of the probable starters for the One Thousand Guineas Classic, to be run at Newmarket, to-day, over one mile:

Sly Abess (Weston).
Night Bird (E. Smith).
Sweet Corn (Carslake).
Solar Flower (Perryman).
Clever Sarah (Sirett).
Laughins. Water (Stephenson).
Ocean Base (Beary).
High Tide (Crough).
Karsavina (Blackshaw).
Lali (E. Elliott).
Ann Of Austria (Smirke).
Stafaralla (Harry Wragg).
Radiant (Gordon Richards).
Miss Parasol (Lowrey).
Scotias Glen (R. Jones).
Balach (Vergette).
Gainly (Pat Beasley).
Rockfel (Sammy Wragg).
Mrs. Tickell (Wells).
Miss Miracle (Marshall).
Nadine (Bartlam).
Lorentor (Brennan).

—Reuter.

ANTECEDENT WINS ELY PLATE AT NEWMARKET

H. E. Morriss' Horse
Comes Third

London, To-day.

Antecedent, backed at 5 to 1 and carrying 8 st. 9 lb. won the Ely Plate, over five furlong, at Newmarket, yesterday.

Evening Mist, backed at 7 to 2 and carrying 7 st. 9 lb., was second, beaten by three lengths, while a short head separated the latter from La Briere, a 100 to 3 chance, carrying 7 st. 9 lb. which was third.

There were five starters. La Briere, which is owned by Mr. Henry E. Morriss, the well-known Shanghai business magnate and recent winner of the Two Thousand Guineas classic, and which was ridden by the champion Jockey, Gordon Richards, was joint favourite. —Reuter.

RADIO CLUB RENAMED

At the last Annual General Meeting of the Radio Sports Club, on Wednesday, it was decided to extend membership so as to include the Post Office staff and to re-name the club "The Radio and Postal Sports Club".

Mr. E. I. Wynne Jones, the Postmaster General, was unanimously elected Patron and Life Member of the new club, and the following were elected to the Committee:—

President:—Mr. D. Scott.
Vice Presidents:—Mr. S. Randle and Mr. D. W. Waterson.
Chairman:—Mr. A. E. P. Guest.
Hon. Sec.:—Mr. M. S. Hussain.
Asst. Sec.:—Mr. Ho Tak Fan.
Hon. Treasurer:—Mr. J. S. Grewal.
Steward:—Mr. W. Aycock.
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Hockey Representative:—Mr. M. H. Hassan.
Tennis Representative:—Mr. W. J. Chanson.
Football Representative:—Mr. K. W. Wong.
Basket and Volley Ball Representative:—Mr. Wu Hon Pui.

—Reuter.



GEM HOAHING

GEM HOAHING CHALLENGES LIZANA

(By STANLEY N. DOUST)

(By "AIR MAIL")

Birmingham, April 20.

Two of the smallest players in first-class lawn tennis will oppose each other in the semi-final of the women's singles in the Tally Ho! club open tournament here to-morrow. They are Anita Lizana, just 5ft. tall, and Gem Hoahing, 4ft. 5in.

The Chilean girl "towers" over the Chinese girl which, in Senorita Lizana's own words, "is a strange experience for me."

The little Chilean is playing in this tournament for the fourth year in succession and has yet to be beaten. To-day she beat Betty Clements, just 18, and former Warwickshire junior champion, by 6-2, 6-2. Considering her lack of practice, I was quite satisfied with Anita's form. There were the same impish ways, the same careless strokes and the pleasing smile—but there was the stamp of the great artist in the way in which she aimed for the lines.

MARVELLOUS

The little Chinese girl, who has not played in Birmingham before, has delighted with the marvellous games she has put up. In her match with Mrs. Haylock, of the Leicestershire county team and a well-known Wimbledon player, whom she beat by 6-3, 6-3, she amazed the crowd not only with her speed of shots, remarkable from such a tiny person, but by her general court craft. She kept an immaculate length, passed Mrs. Haylock when that player made volleying sorties, and even dared to go to the net herself. She was the complete lawn tennis player.

I had not seen Gem play so well, and I am certain she is going to give Anita a hard battle and perhaps a beating to-morrow.

EAST FIFE CONTINUE TO SUCCEED

London, To-day.

East Fife, winners of the Scottish F. A. Cup, yesterday continued in winning vein when they beat Forfar in the Second Division of the Scottish League by three clear goals. —Reuter.

THUMB-NAIL SKETCHES

"AUSSIE" TEST
PLAYERS

To-day we publish the eighth unpublished biographies of the sixteen players selected to represent Australia in the 1938 Cricket Test series against England.

To-day's thumb-nail sketch is that of John H. Fingleton (New South Wales).

Fingleton is the man whom W. A. Brown, by a brilliant double century on the eve of selection, displaced from the 1934 Australian Eleven in England.

Fingleton's omission meant that his club, Waverley, was not represented in a Test side for the first time for 41 years.

Syd Gregory, Hanson Carter, Bert Collins and Alan Kippax were Waverley representatives.

Fingleton's first Test matches were against Jardine's team in 1932-33. A century for New South Wales ensured him a place in the first Test when Bradman had his breakdown. He was dropped after the third Test, after having made 150 runs, highest score 53, in six innings.

Sheer defence was his long suit and still remains so. A big proportion of his runs come from round the corner shots. He represses his drive.

Consistent scores as an opener made him an early choice for the South African tour of 1935-36, where he was the most successful batsman, scoring 1192 runs at 79.46 an innings and making a century in three successive Tests.

His opening partnerships with Brown made the way easier for McCabe. Against Allen's team last year Fingleton's role was that of sheet anchor. He scored centuries in the first and third Tests. If his style is laborious, it is safe.

A right-hand batsman, he has a weak flick to a fast riser about the off stump, but if he survives the opening overs he is one of the hardest batsmen in the world to shift.

In the Melbourne match against Victoria, last Christmas, he again proved his fighting qualities with a chanceless, defensive knock of 181.

As a fieldman Fingleton is one of the most brilliant in the world. Though he rarely fields in the slips, he can hold the hottest snicks. In the covers and on the drive he is expert and his baseball return invariably goes over the middle stump or into them if necessary.

Now he occupies No. 1 position in O'Reilly's short leg-trap, and from close-in to the bat is a perpetual menace and has held many a sparkling catch. Born April 23, 1903.

HARDCOURT TENNIS SENSATION

Lizana Eliminated

Something of a sensation was caused at Bournemouth in the quarter-finals of the Women's Singles in the hardcourt tournament, when Senorita Anita Lizana, (holder) and holder of the U.S. title, was beaten by Miss Nancy Wynne, high-ranking Australian player, by scores of 6-1, 7-5. It is stated, however, that Senorita Lizana was considerably handicapped by a sprained ankle.

Other results in the women's singles include a victory by Peggy Scriven over Thelma Coyne of Australia, by 6-3, 6-4 and the defeat of Betty Nuthall by Kay Stammer by 6-0, 6-2.

In the quarter-finals of the men's singles, H. W. Austin (Great Britain) beat M. Bolaffi (France), 6-2, 6-3, 6-0. N. Sharpe (Great Britain) beat Butler (Great Britain), 7-5, 6-2, 6-2. Petra (France) beat C. Jones (Great Britain), 6-3, 6-3, 4-6 and Kho Sin-kee (China) beat W. C. Choy (China), 4-6, 4-6, 6-1, 6-0, 6-0. —Reuter.



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PORTUGAL'S HOCKEY WIN YESTERDAY ENGLAND DEFEATED IN POOR GAME

L.G. GOSANO'S WINNING GOAL IN 1ST MINUTE

GROUND CONDITIONS AND UMPIRING POOR

PORTUGAL yesterday caused one of those unexpected sensations when they defeated a strong England team by the only goal of the match in their semi-final round encounter in the International Hockey Tournament. L. G. Gosano netting in the very first minute of the game with a flick shot which glanced off Benwell's pads.

The many spectators who were present voiced their strong disapproval of the methods employed, and standard of hockey witnessed, and had real cause for doing so.

Ground arrangements were ridiculous, and when the players arrived on the field they found that the touch-lines and circles had not been marked out, while there were no goal-nets up.

Another disappointing feature of the game was the Umpiring. There was no doubt that both officials had struck a bad patch. The obstruction rule was violated throughout by players, the advantage rule forgotten by umpires while dangerous play in one half of the field was never checked with the result that the last 15 minutes of the game gave one the impression of a "tong war" in San Francisco's China town.

GOSANO'S SHINE

Portugal made spasmodic break-aways, but were very dangerous on these occasions, the four Gosano brothers being continually prominent in all phases of the game. Z. Gosano, making his first appearance in a representative game, gave a very sound display at right-back, while Dr. A. M. Rodrigues displayed flashes of his former brilliance, at left-back, and was responsible for holding up the dangerous England right-wing partnership of S. A. Fowler and B. I. Bickford.

ENGLAND BACKS FAIL

Rodrigues' reverse-stick work was excellent, but his distribution of the ball in his clearances was his best asset and he rarely wasted an opportunity. Both England backs were off form. Stickley should have been penalised in the first half on several occasions for effecting a clearance with the back of his stick, while he obstructed badly throughout. Taylor was never impressive and found positioning his weak point.

Portugal's trio of halves played extraordinarily well. R. Marques, at right-half, was excellent, but was, nevertheless, outshone by Wetton, the England right-half, whose stickwork was nothing short of miraculous, although he wasted precious minutes in the closing stages with playing round with the ball instead of sending it up to his forwards.

GUEST SHINES

Guest, playing in the England pivotal berth, was very good and put in a tremendous amount of work, particularly in the second half when he strived very hard to make the openings for his forwards, but robust tackling by the opposition players wrecked most of his efforts. Gonsalves was very steady in Portugal's pivotal position, while there was little to choose between the two left-halves.

Individually the England attack were more dangerous than Portugal and Dunne should have equalised in the second half when a wonderful first time effort off a

LONDON SENIOR CUP FINAL

The final of the London Senior Cup, between Barnet and Leyton, both members of the Athenian League, is to be played on the Arsenal ground at Highbury on May 14, kick-off 3.30 p.m.

bouncing centre by S. Fowler struck the cross-bar with a resounding "whack"

Tackling was hard throughout and a forward no sooner in possession found a swarm of opposing defenders on top of him. Bickford and G. H. Fowler were dangerous in the circle, while Dunne's first time efforts always had the Portuguese defenders on their toes. Souza and E. L. Gosano were the pick of the Portuguese forwards, Beltrao being badly at fault in his barging and wild display and should have been warned on several occasions. A. V. Gosano, on the right-wing, was very fast but lacked sting in his centres, while L. G. Gosano, on the left-wing, was always a potential danger when in possession.

It is sincerely hoped that better conditions will prevail for to-day's match and if we must have neutral umpires, let us at least have officials who play to the advantage rule and can differentiate between clean and unclean hockey.

There was too much talking during the game and A. P. Souza should be severely censured by the Hockey Association for his remarks on one of the umpires, in the closing stages of the game. The remarks were uncalled for, inasmuch as the umpire was in a better position to see what had happened in the incident preceding the Portuguese player's remarks.

Portugal:—B. Alves; Z. Gosano and E. M. Rodrigues; R. Marques, J. Gonsalves and T. Alves; A. V. Gosano, E. L. Gosano, A. P. Souza, N. Beltrao and L. G. Gosano. (Club de Recreio).
England:—V. M. Benwell (Club); Stickley (Middlesex) and J. Taylor (C.B.A.); Wetton (R.E.); A. E. P. Guest (Radio) and E. Fowler (C.B.A.); S. A. Fowler (Club); B. Bickford (Club); G. H. Fowler (C.B.A.); Dunne (Middlesex) and V. Bond (Club).

INDIA v SCOTLAND

The following will represent India against Scotland on the Club ground at 5.30 p.m. to-day: M. Ramzan (K. I. T. C.); Tirlok Singh (Kumaons) and Kishan Singh (H.K.S.R.A.); M. H. Hassan (Radio), Gulam Rasul (Rajputana Rifles), and M. E. Malik (K. I. T. C.); Teja Singh (H. K. Police); Lt. Sawal Khan (Rajputana Rifles), Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.), Gumbachan Singh (Radio) and Narwant Singh (H. K. Police).

KANE'S CHALLENGE

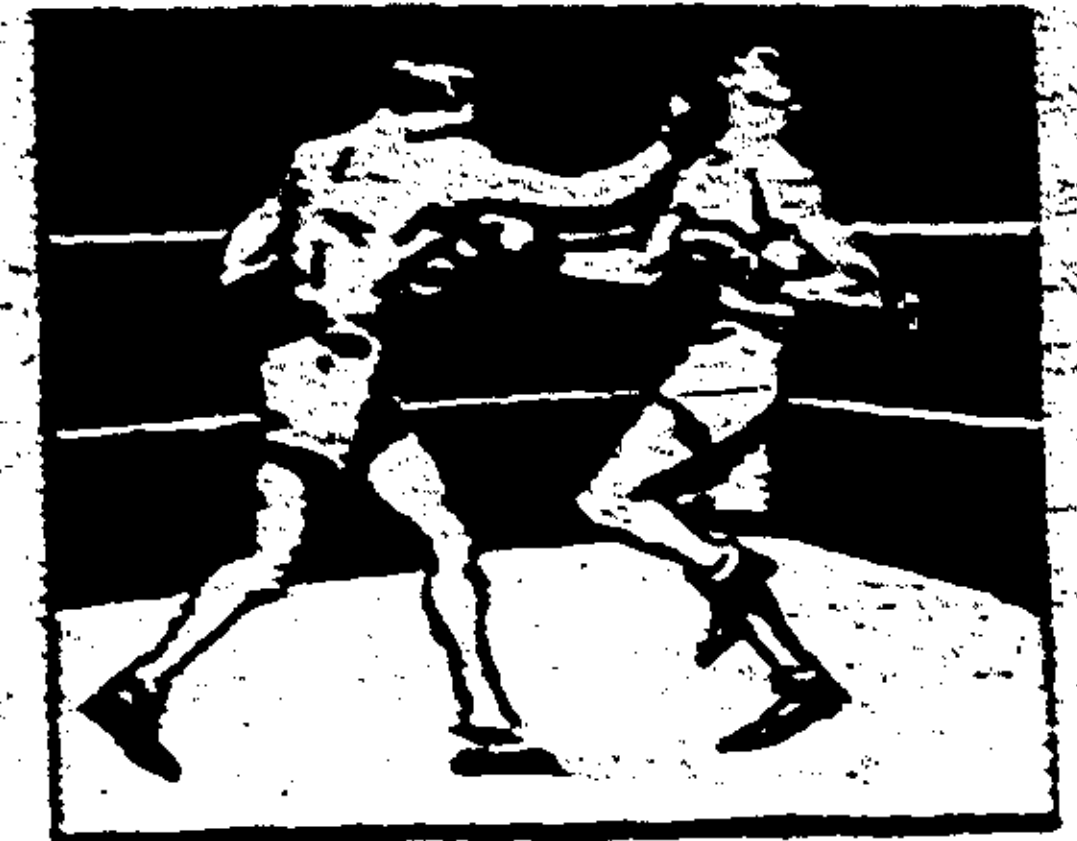
Glasgow, March 26.

Peter Kane, the Golborne boxer, is to issue a challenge through the British Boxing Board of Control for another fight with Benny Lynch of Glasgow for the world, British, and European fly-weight titles.

Ted Denvir, Kane's manager, made this decision to-day after talks with Kane. Lynch, after he had fought a draw with Kane at Anfield on Thursday, expressed willingness to stake his titles against Kane once more. Thursday proved that Kane can do the weight, for he was well under the 8st. 6lbs. limit.

Mr. Denvir said:—Peter will be able to make 8st. with ease in the summer months, and after what we say of Kane against Lynch on Thursday I am certain Peter can relieve Lynch of his titles. At least, this latest fight shows that Kane is as good as Lynch and I think better.

The challenge is being sent to the

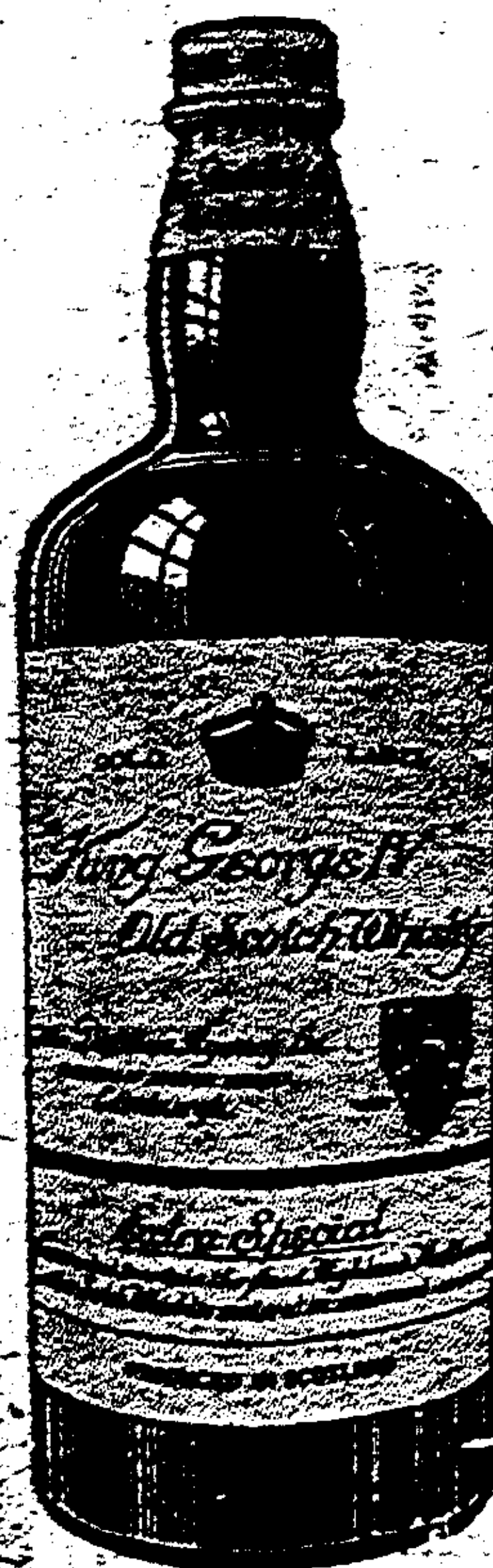


Board to-day, and I have pointed out that Kane, in view of the fact that he drew with Lynch, stands out as the logical contender, and he should not have to go through an eliminating series.

If the fight comes off it is hoped to stage it at Anfield football ground, where Johnny Best and George Dingley may collaborate in a promotion.



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12.30 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the Organ.
12.40 p.m.—Ambrose & His Orchestra.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Marek Weber's Orchestra & Webster Booth (Tenor).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Latest Variety Records.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—Dance Music.
7.32 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

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7.35 p.m.—Clapham & Dwyer, Gracie Fields, The Hill Billies & Raie da Costa.
"Waltz Time"—Medley (Strauss, arr. Levy).
Dancing Butterfly (Young & Petkere).....Raie da Costa (Piano Solo).
Did I Remember (From "Suzy").
Ring Down The Curtain.
Gracie Fields with Orch.
Clapham And Dwyer On Hobbies.
Clapham & Dwyer (Descriptive Sketch).
Ole Faithful (M. Carr).
Take Ma Boots Off When Ah Dies

(M. Carr).....The Hill Billies with Novelty Accompaniment.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Studio—"Arabian Song Cycle"—Recital by Elizabeth Donaldson (Contralto) accompanied by Lindsay A. Lafford (Piano).
1. For Your Delight—Serenade (Eric Coates).....Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by the Composer.
2. Desert Love Song (Charles Gilbert Spross).
3. When Tired Caravans are Resting (Charles Gilbert Spross).
4. I Have hung my tent in crimson (Charles Gilbert Spross).....Elizabeth Donaldson.
5. Piano Solo.....Lindsay A. Lafford.
6. Fulfillment (Charles Gilbert Spross).
7. It Is The Sunset Hour (Charles Gilbert Spross).....Elizabeth Donaldson.
8.30 p.m.—Studio—"Lawn Bowls"—A Preview Of The Season by "A Bowler".
8.40 p.m.—Studio—Rev. C. B. R. Sargent—33rd Series Of Opera. "In Memoriam—Feodor Chabapin".
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.
"The Cat And The Fiddle"—Selection (Harbach & Kern).....New Mayfair Orchestra.
"The Love Parade"—Vocal Gems (Schertzing).
"Sunny Side Up"—Vocal Gems (De Sylva, Brown & Henderson).
Light Opera Company.
"Music In The Air"—Selection (Hammerstein 2nd & Kern).
New Mayfair Orchestra.
10.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Music-Hall". Including Lily Morris (Comedienne), with The B.B.C. Variety Orchestra—conductor, Charles Shadwell.
11.15 p.m.—Close down.

British Empire. A talk.
6.15 a.m.—The Adventures of Jack and Jill (Episode 1): Jack and Jill Go up the Hill. A series of musical plays.
6.55 a.m.—"America Speaks"—10. A series of talks broadcast from the U.S.A. to the British Empire.
7.15 a.m.—Recital by Eileen Joyce (Australian Pianist).
7.40 a.m.—Next Week's Programmes.
7.50 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 8 a.m.
8.15 a.m.—Close down.

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10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. The Making of the Exhibition. A sound impression of the conception, construction, and completion of the Empire Exhibition (Scotland), 1938.
11.30 a.m.—Dance Music.
12.15 p.m.—Food for Thought. Three short talks on matters of topical interest.
12.35 p.m.—Peter Dawson (Songs).
12.45 p.m.—Reginald Foort, at the B.B.C. Theatre Organ.
1.15 p.m.—Next Week's Programmes.
1.25 p.m.—Musical Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
1.51 p.m.—Close down.

TRANSMISSION 3

Frequencies—

GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSF 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)
GSJ (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s

1.57 p.m.—Opening Announcements.
2 p.m.—Big Ben. Geiger and his Orchestra, from Claridge's Hotel, London.
2.15 p.m.—Music Hall.
3.15 p.m.—The Strange Story of Louis de Rougemont.
4 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—Ballet Music.
4.30 p.m.—"America Speaks"—10. A series of talks broadcast from the U.S.A. to the British Empire.
4.50 p.m.—Next Week's Programmes.
5 p.m.—Close down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

How Good Are You?

Mr. Culbertson is conducting, through this column, an examination of bridge players. Rate yourself by subtracting from 100 the points for each wrong answer.

Question 28 appeared yesterday. It was:

Question 28: You are West, declarer in a three no trump contract. North opens the three of spades. Your hand and dummy are as follows:

WEST	EAST [dummy]
S-A Q 8	S-6 5 4
H-A K 7	H-Q J
D-J 9 5 2	D-Q 10 8 7 6
C-K 10 3	C-A Q 4

South plays the spade king to his partner's three spot. As declarer, how do you play the hand?

Answer: The crux of this hand is to duck and concede the very first trick. Obviously, you must clear the diamond suit in order to make nine tricks. If you capture the spade king and lead a diamond, North, holding one diamond honour, will duck. South will win and clear the spade suit for North, while the latter retains his diamond stopper and entry. If you concede the first trick you still have two spade tricks. Now, when South continues spades, you win and lead a diamond. If North wins he can clear his spades but never get in again to cash them. If South wins, he has no spade left to return unless North originally opened a four card suit, in which case there is no danger of losing more than two spades and two diamonds. [For failure to play as described, take a two point demerit.]

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question 29: Neither side vulnerable. You are South, the dealer, and hold:

S-A 5 3, H-K 10 9 7 5 3,
D-6 4, C-J 7

The bidding proceeds:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	4 diamonds	Pass

What call do you make now?

TO-DAY'S HAND

South, dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

S-8
H-K 10 7
D-9 3 2
C-K 8 7 6 3 2

WEST	EAST
S-5 4	S-A K Q J 6 3 2
H-Q J 9 3 2	H-5 4
D-8 7 6 4	D-A 10
C-10 4	C-J 5

SOUTH

S-10 9 7
H-A 8 6
D-K Q J 5
C-A Q 9

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 no trump	Pass	2 clubs	2 dia.
2 no trump	Pass	3 no trump	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

Lest readers conclude that the two diamond bid recorded above is a typographical error, I hasten to state that East made precisely that bid and that, under the circumstances, it was a beautiful trap. Seldom does a player have such an opportunity. Obviously, East's idea was to bid a suit that the opponents would certainly have well stopped. Thus, they would be lured into a false sense of security and contract for enough no trumps to ruin them. It should be noted that East correctly figured that he himself could not go game. True, he had eight solid tricks, but he would have to pick up two top tricks in partner's hand, a very unlikely contingency, considering South's vulnerable no trump. South's bidding was, of course, somewhat open to censure since he had no spade stopper. But, in all fairness, I have seen many worse rebids than South made. He could have doubled two diamonds, but the opponents were not vulnerable and he himself was. He had a splendid fit with partner's club bid and it was not unnatural that he found no great menace in the spade situation. The suit had not been bid adversely and there was, of course, a good chance that North had a spade stopper. So much for the bidding! East was, figuratively, rubbing his hands, waiting for the opening diamond lead when, to his horror, his partner, who had gone into a long huddle, apparently decided that he would make a "surprise attack." "Reasoning" that declarer had diamonds well stopped, West led out the heart queen! East almost had apoplexy as declarer won with the ace and immediately returned a heart toward the king-ten, finessing against the jack. Six club tricks then were run off, while East futilely discarded four of his lovely spades. I cannot report what East said to West!

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28th April, 1938.

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The claim for mesne profits was waived by plaintiff.

In the witness-box, defendant said he had occupied the premises for nine years. In 1935, plaintiff became the owner.

Defendant alleged that plaintiff saying he wanted to make some repairs to the building, allowed witness to occupy half of the premises. When the repairs were completed, plaintiff gave him notice to quit explaining that he wanted the premises for a showroom, but defendant learned that plaintiff wanted to rent the premises to some other party.

Mr. D'Almada Remedios stated that defendant was first given notice to vacate on November 3. On December 7 he was notified

EVICTON CLAIM: PERMISSION TO STAY ALLEGED

Claiming that permission was given for Li Tat-ting, trading as the Yat Ting Garage, to occupy No. 78, Hennessy Road, until such time as new premises could be found, Cheng Yiu, representing defendant, appeared before the Puisne Judge Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, at the Summary Court this morning, when Leung Hing, represented by Mr. C. D'Almada, applied for possession.

Cheng Yiu stated that the daughter of plaintiff, who was also the rent collector, asked him whether he had found new premises and said that if he had not he could stay on until he had.

Mr. D'Almada asked for an adjournment to ascertain whether the daughter of plaintiff did make such a statement and whether she had authority to do so. The case was adjourned to May 9, at 10 a.m.

again, to leave on January 31. He disregarded the notice and was given more time to find new premises. On January 28, defendant was given notice to quit on March 31, and again on February 25.

"Plaintiff treated you with extreme kindness and gave you two extra months to find a new place, what more do you expect," remarked the Puisne Judge, in giving judgment with costs.

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POLAND AND LITHUANIA

Warsaw, To-day.

A Lithuanian delegation arrived in Warsaw yesterday to inaugurate talks for the resumption of railway and postal communications between Poland and Lithuania.

The question of establishing an air service between the two countries will also be discussed.—Trans-Ocean.

EVICTON CLAIMS

A number of summary cases applying for evictions of tenants and possession of premises, came before the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, at the Summary Court this morning.

Defendants being absent, the cases adjourned to Chambers tomorrow morning to be proved.

CAR FATALITY

A small girl, Kwok Foo, aged 7, was killed outside the Naval Football ground yesterday when she was knocked down by a car.

DEATH

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